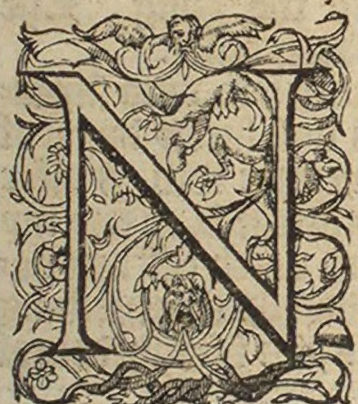




# THE FIRST BOOKE OF the Kings, commonly called The third Booke of the Kings.

## CHAP. I.

1 Abishag cherisheth Dauid in his extreame age. 5 Adonijah, Dauids dearling, vsurpeth the kingdome. 11 By the counsel of Nathan, 15 Bath-sheba moueth the king, 22 and Nathan secondeth her. 28 Dauid reneweth his oath to Bath-sheba. 32 Salomon by Dauids appointment, beeing annointed King by Zadok and Nathan, the people triumph. 41 Ionathan, bringing these newes, Adonijahs guests flie. 50 Adonijah flying to the hornes of the Altar, vpon his good behaviour is dismissed by Solomon.



**N**OW King Dauid was olde, and stricken in yeeres, and they couered him with clothes, but hee gate no heate.

2 Wherefore his seruants said vnto him, † Let there be sought for my lord the king † a yong virgin, and let her stand before the King, and let her † cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosome, that my lord the King may get heate.

3 So they sought for a faire damosel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the King.

4 And the damosell was very faire, and cherished the king, and ministred to him: but the king knew her not.

5 Then Adonijah the sonne of Haggith exalted himselfe, saying, I wil † be king: And he prepared him charrets and horesemen, and fittie men to runne before him.

6 And his father had not displeased him † at any time, in saying, why hast thou done so: And hee also was a very goodly man, and his mother bare him after Absalom.

7 And hee † conferred with Joab the sonne of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the Priest: and they following Adonijah, † helped him.

8 But Zadok the Priest, and Benaiah the sonne of Jehoiada, and Nathan the Prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mightie men which belonged to Dauid, were not with Adonijah.

9 And Adonijah slew sheepe, and oxen, and fat cattell, by the stone of Zoheleth, which is by En-Rogel, and called all his brethren the kings sonnes, and all the men of Iudah the kings seruants.

10 But Nathan the Prophet, and Benaiah, and the mightie men, and Solomon his brother he called not.

11 Wherefore Nathan spake vnto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of \* Haggith doth reigne, and Dauid our lord knoweth it not?

12 Now therefore come, let mee, I pray thee, giue thee counsell, that thou mayest saue thine owne life, and the life of thy sonne Solomon.

13 Goe, and get thee in vnto King Dauid, and say vnto him, Diddest not thou, my lord, O king, sweare vnto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy sonne shall reigne after mee, and he shall sit vpon my throne: Why then doth Adonijah reigne?

14 Beholde, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and † confirme thy words.

15 And Bath-sheba went in vnto the King into the chamber: and the king was very olde, and Abishag the Shunammite ministred vnto the king.

16 And Bathsheba bowed, and did obeysance vnto the king: and the king said, † what wouldest thou?

17 And she said vnto him, My lord, thou

† Hebr. entered into dayes.

† Hebr. let them seeke.  
† Hebr. a damsell, a virgine.  
† Hebr. be a cherisher vnto him.

† Hebr. reigne

† Hebr. from his dayes.

† Hebr. his words were with Joab.  
† Hebr. helped after Adonijah.

Or, the well Rogel.

\* 2. Sam. 3.4

† Hebr. fill up

† Hebr. what to thee?



thou swarest by the LORD thy God vnto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy sonne shall reigne after me, and he shall sit vpon my throne:

18 And now behold, Adoniah reigneth; and now my lord the king, thou knowest it not.

19 And he hath slaine oxen, and fat cattell, and sheepe in abundance, and hath called all the sonnes of the king, and Abiathar the Priest, and Joab the captaine of the hoste: but Solomon thy seruant hath he not called.

20 And thou, my lord O king, the eyes of all Israel are vpon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

21 Otherwise it shall come to passe, when my lord the king shall sleepe with his fathers, that I and my sonne Solomon shall be counted <sup>†</sup>offenders.

22 And loe, while shee yet talked with the king, Nathan the Prophet also came in.

23 And they tolde the king, saying, Beholde Nathan the Prophet. And when hee was come in before the king, he bowed himselfe before the king with his face to the ground.

24 And Nathan said, My lord O king, hast thou said, Adoniah shall reigne after mee, and hee shall sit vpon my throne?

25 For hee is gone downe this day, and hath slaine oxen, and fat cattell, and sheepe in abundance, and hath called all the kings sonnes, and the captaines of the host, and Abiathar the Priest: and behold, they eate and drinke before him, and say, <sup>†</sup>God saue king Adoniah.

26 But me, euen me thy seruant, and Zadok the Priest, and Benaiah the sonne of Jehoiada, and thy seruant Solomon hath he not called.

27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed it vnto thy seruant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king, after him?

28 Then king Dauid answered, and said, Call me Bathsheba. And she came <sup>†</sup>into the kings presence, and stood before the king.

29 And the king sware, and said, As the LORD liueth, that hath redeemed my soule out of all distresse,

30 Euen as I sware vnto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy sonne shall reigne

after me, and he shall sit vpon my throne in my stead; euen so wil I certainly doe this day.

31 Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did reuerence to the king, and said, Let my lord king Dauid liue for ever.

32 And king Dauid said, Call me Zadok the Priest, and Nathan the Prophet, and Benaiah the sonne of Jehoiada. And they came before the king.

33 The king also saide vnto them, Take with you the seruants of your lord, and cause Solomon my sonne to ride vpon <sup>†</sup>mine owne mule, and bring him downe to Gihon.

34 And let Zadok the Priest, and Nathan the Prophet, anoint him there King ouer Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God saue King Solomon.

35 Then ye shall come by after him, that hee may come and sit vpon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I haue appointed him to be ruler ouer Israel, and ouer Judah.

36 And Benaiah the sonne of Jehoiada answered the King, and said, Amen: The LORD God of my lord the king say so too.

37 As the LORD hath bene with my lord the King, euen so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater then the throne of my lord King Dauid.

38 So Zadok the Priest, and Nathan the Prophet, and Benaiah the sonne of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites went downe, and caused Solomon to ride vpon King Dauids mule, and brought him to Gihon.

39 And Zadok the Priest tooke an horne of oile out of the Tabernacle, and anointed Solomon: and they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, God saue King Solomon.

40 And all the people came by after him, and the people piped with <sup>||</sup>pipes, and reioyced with great ioy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

41 And Adoniah and all the ghests that were with him, heard it as they had made an end of eating: and when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, hee said, Wherefore is this noise of the citie, being in an uproare?

42 And while hee yet spake, behold, Jonathan the sonne of Abiathar the

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Priest

<sup>†</sup> Heb. which  
belongeth  
to me.

<sup>||</sup> Or, flutes.

<sup>†</sup> Hebr. sin-  
ners.

<sup>†</sup> Hebr. Let  
king Ado-  
niah liue.

<sup>†</sup> Hebr. be-  
fore the  
king.



Priest came, and Adonijah sayde vnto him, Come in, for thou art a valiant man, and bringest good tidings.

43 And Jonathan answered, and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king.

44 And the king hath sent with him Zadok the Priest, and Nathan the Prophet, and Benaiah the sonne of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they haue caused him to ride vpon the kings mule.

45 And Zadok the Priest, and Nathan the Prophet haue anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come vp from thence reioycing, so that the citie rang againe: this is the noyse that yee haue heard.

46 And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdome.

47 And moreover, the kings seruants came to blesse our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better then thy name, and make his throne greater then thy throne. And the king bowed himselfe vpon the bed.

48 And also thus sayde the King, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which hath giuen one to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes euen seeing it.

49 And all the guests that were with Adonijah, were afraid, and rose vp, and went euery man his way.

50 And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the hornes of the Altar.

51 And it was tolde Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth King Solomon: for loe, he hath caught hold on the hornes of the Altar, saying, Let King Solomon sweare vnto mee to day, that hee will not slay his servant with the sword.

52 And Solomon sayd, If hee will shewe himselfe a worthy man, there shall not an haire of him fall to the earth: but if wickednesse shall be found in him, he shall die.

53 So king Solomon sent, and they brought him downe from the Altar, and hee came and bowed himselfe to king Solomon: and Solomon sayde vnto him, Goe to thine house.

## CHAP. II.

1 David hauing giuen a charge to Solomon, 3 of religiousnesse, 5 of Ioab, 7 of Barzillai, 8 of Shimei, 10 dieth. 12 Solomon succeedeth. 13 Adonijah, mouing Bath-sheba

to sue vnto Solomon for Abishag, is put to death. 26 Abiathar hauing his life giuen him, is depriued of the Priesthood. 28 Ioab fleeing to the hornes of the Altar, is there slaine. 35 Benaiah is put in Iobabs rouse, and Zadok in Abiathars. 36 Shimei confined to Ierusalem, by occasion of going thence to Gath, is put to death.

**N**OW the dayes of David drew nigh, that he should die, and he charged Solomon his sonne, saying:

2 I goe the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thy selfe a man.

3 And keepe the charge of the LORD thy God, to walke in his wayes, to keepe his Statutes, and his Commandements, & his Judgements, and his Testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoener thou turnest thy selfe:

4 That the LORD may continue his word which hee spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heede to their way, to walke before mee in trueth, with all their heart, and with all their soule, \* there shall not fail thee (sayd hee) a man on the throne of Israel.

5 Moreover thou knowest also what Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah did to mee, and what hee did to the two captaines of the hostes of Israel, vnto \* Abner the sonne of Ner, and vnto \* Amasa the sonne of Jether, whom hee slewe, and shed the blood of warre in peace, and put the blood of warre vpon his girdle that was about his loynes, and in his shooes that were on his feet.

6 Doe therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoare head goe downe to the graue in peace.

7 But shewe kindnesse vnto the sonnes of \* Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eate at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother.

8 And behold, thou hast with thee \* Shimei the sonne of Gera, a Beniamite of Bahurim, which cursed mee with a grievous curse, in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but hee came downe to meete me at Iordane, and I sware to him by the LORD, saying, \* I will not put thee to death with the sword.

9 Nowe therefore holde him not guiltlesse:

\* Deut. 29.  
9. iosh. 1. 7.  
|| Or, doe  
wisely.

\* 2. Sam.  
7. 12.  
† Heb. be  
cut off from  
thee from  
the throne.

\* 2. Sam. 3.  
27.  
\* 2. Sam.  
20. 10.  
† Heb. put.

\* 2. Sam.  
19. 31.

\* 2. Sam.  
16. 5.  
† Heb. strong

\* 2. Sam.  
19. 23.



guiltlesse: for thou art a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to doe vnto him, but his hoare head bring thou downe to the graue with blood.

*\* Act 1. 29. and 13. 36.*  
10 So <sup>\*</sup>David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the citie of David.

*\* 2. Sam. 5. 4. 1. chron. 29. 26, 27.*  
11 And the dayes that David <sup>\*</sup>raigned ouer Israel, were fourty yeeres: seuen yeeres raigned hee in Hebron, and thirty and three yeeres raigned hee in Jerusalem.

*\* 2. Chron. 29. 23.*  
12 <sup>\*</sup>Then sate Solomon vpon the throne of David his father, and his kingdome was established greatly.

13 And Adonijah the sonne of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, and she said, Comiest thou peaceably: And he said, Peaceably.

14 He said moreouer, I haue some what to say vnto thee. And she saide, Say on.

15 And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdome was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should raigne: howbeit the kingdome is turned about, and is become my brothers: for it was his from the LORD.

*† Heb. turne not away my face.*  
16 And now I aske one petition of thee, <sup>†</sup>deny me not. And she saide vnto him, Say on.

17 And hee saide, Speake, I pray thee, vnto Solomon the king (for hee will not say thee nay) that he giue me Abishag the Shunammite to wife.

18 And Bathsheba said, Wel, I will speake for thee vnto the king.

19 Bathsheba therefore went vnto king Solomon, to speake vnto him for Adonijah: and the king rose vp to meete her, and bowed himselfe vnto her, and sate downe on his throne, and caused a seate to bee set for the Kings mother, and she sate on his right hand.

20 Then she said, I desire one small petition of thee, I pray thee say me not nay: and the king said vnto her, Aske on, my mother, for I will not say thee nay.

21 And she saide, Let Abishag the Shunammite be giuen to Adonijah thy brother to wife.

22 And king Solomon answered, and said vnto his mother, And why dost thou aske Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah: Aske for him the kingdome also (for he is mine elder brother) euen for him, and for Abiathar the Priest, & for Joab the sonne of Zeruiah.

23 Then king Solomon sware by the LORD, saying, God doe so to me, and more also, if Adonijah haue not spoken this word against his owne life.

24 Now therefore as the LORD liueth, which hath established mee, and set mee on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me an house as he <sup>\*</sup>promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day.

*\* 2. Sam. 7. 12, 13.*

25 And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the sonne of Jehoiada, and he fell vpon him that he died.

26 And vnto Abiathar the Priest saide the King, Get thee to Anathoth, vnto thine owne fields, for thou art <sup>†</sup>worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the arke of the LORD GOD before David my father, and because thou hast bene afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted.

*† Heb. a man of death.*

27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being Priest vnto the LORD: that hee might <sup>\*</sup>fulfill the word of the LORD, which hee spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

*\* 1. Sam. 2. 31, 35.*

28 Then tidings came to Joab (for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though hee turned not after Absalom) and Joab fled vnto the Tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the hornes of the Altar.

29 And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled vnto the Tabernacle of the LORD, and behold, hee is by the Altar: Then Solomon sent Benaiah the sonne of Jehoiada, saying, Goe fall vpon him.

30 And Benaiah came to the Tabernacle of the LORD, and said vnto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay, but I will die heere. And Benaiah brought the king word againe, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me.

31 And the king saide vnto him, Doe as he hath said, and fall vpon him, and bury him, that thou mayest take away the innocent blood which Joab shed, from mee, and from the house of my father.

32 And the LORD shall returne his blood vpon his owne head, who fell vpon two men, more righteous and better then hee, and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing thereof, to wit, <sup>\*</sup>Abner the sonne of Ner, captaine of the hoste of Israel, and

*\* 2. Sam. 3. 27.*



\* 2. Sam. 20.  
10.

\* Amasa the sonne of Jether, captaine of the hoste of Judah.

33 Their blood shall therefore re-  
turne vpon the head of Joab, and vpon  
the head of his seed for ever: but vpon  
Dauid, and vpon his seed, and vpon  
his house, and vpon his throne,  
shall there bee peace for ever from the  
LORD.

34 So Benaiah the sonne of Jeho-  
iada went vp, and fell vpon him, and  
slew him, and hee was buried in his  
owne house in the wilderness.

35 And the king put Benaiah the  
sonne of Jehoiada in his roome ouer  
the hoste, and Zadok the Priest did the  
king put in the roome of Abiathar.

36 And the king sent, and called  
for Shimei, and said vnto him, Build  
thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell  
there, and goe not forth thence any whi-  
ther.

37 For it shall be, that on the day  
thou goest out, & passest ouer the brooke  
Kidron, thou shalt know for certaine,  
that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall  
be vpon thine owne head.

38 And Shimei said vnto the King,  
The saying is good: as my lord the king  
hath said, so will thy seruant doe. And  
Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many  
dayes.

39 And it came to passe at the end of  
three yeeres, that two of the seruants  
of Shimei ranne away vnto Achish  
sonne of Maachah king of Gath: and  
they told Shimei, saying, Beholde, thy  
seruants be in Gath.

40 And Shimei arose, and saddled  
his asse, and went to Gath to Achish,  
to seeke his seruants: and Shimei went  
and brought his seruants from Gath.

41 And it was told Solomon, that  
Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to  
Gath, and was come againe.

42 And the king sent and called for  
Shimei, and said vnto him, Did I not  
make thee to sweare by the LORD,  
and protested vnto thee, saying, Know  
for a certaine, that on the day thou goest  
out, and walkest abroad any whither,  
that thou shalt surely die: And thou  
saidst vnto me, The word that I haue  
heard, is good.

43 Why then hast thou not kept the  
Oath of the LORD, and the com-  
mandement that I haue charged thee  
with?

44 The king said mozeuer to Shi-

mei, Thou knowest all the wickednesse  
which thine heart is priue to, that thou  
diddest to Dauid my father: therefore  
the LORD shall returne thy wicked-  
nesse vpon thine owne head.

45 And king Solomon shall be ble-  
sed, and the throne of Dauid shall bee  
established before the LORD for ever.

46 So the king commaunded Be-  
naiah the sonne of Jehoiada, which  
went out, and fell vpon him, that he di-  
ed, and the kingdom was established  
in the hand of Solomon.

### CHAP. III.

1 Solomon marieth Pharaohs daughter. 2 Hie  
places being in vse, Solomon sacrificeth at Gi-  
beon. 5 Solomon at Gibeon, in the choice  
which God gaue him, preferring wisedome,  
obtaineth wisedome, riches, and honour.  
16 Solomons iudgement betweene the two  
harlots, maketh him renowned.

**A**ND \* Solomon made  
affinitie with Pharaoh  
king of Egypt, and tooke  
Pharaohs daughter, and  
brought her into the citie  
of Dauid, vntill he had made an end of  
building his owne house, and the house  
of the LORD, and the wall of Jeru-  
salem round about.

2 Only the people sacrificed in high  
places, because there was no house  
built vnto the Name of the LORD  
vntill those dayes.

3 And Solomon loued the LORD,  
walking in the statutes of Dauid his  
father: onely he sacrificed and burnt in-  
cense in high places.

4 And the king went to Gibeon to  
sacrifice there: for that was the great  
high place: a thousand burnt offerings  
did Solomon offer vpon that Altar.

5 In Gibeon the LORD appea-  
red to Solomon in a dreame by night:  
and God sayd, Aske what I shall giue  
thee.

6 And Solomon said, Thou hast  
shewed vnto thy seruant Dauid my fa-  
ther great mercy, according as he wal-  
ked before thee in trueth, and in righte-  
ousnesse, and in vprightnesse of heart  
with thee, and thou hast kept for him  
this great kindnesse, that thou hast gi-  
uen him a sonne to sit on his throne, as  
it is this day.

7 And now, O LORD my God,  
thou hast made thy seruant King in  
stead

\* 2. Chron.  
1. 1.

\* Chap. 7. 8

Or, bountie



stead of David my father : and I am but a litle childe : I know not how to goe out or come in.

8 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbred, nor counted for multitude.

9 \* Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart, to iudge thy people, that I may discerne betweene good and bad : for who is able to iudge this thy so great a people :

10 And the speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 And God said vnto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thy selfe long life, neither hast asked riches for thy selfe, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies, but hast asked for thy selfe vnderstanding to discerne iudgement :

12 Behold, I haue done according to thy word : loe, I haue giuen thee a wise and an vnderstanding heart, so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like vnto thee.

13 And I haue also \* giuen thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour : so that there shall not be any among the Kings like vnto thee, all thy dayes.

14 And if thou wilt walke in my wayes, to keepe my Statutes and my Commandements, \* as thy father David did walke, then I will lengthen thy dayes.

15 And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dreame : and he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD, and offered by burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his seruants.

16 ¶ Then came there two women that were harlots, vnto the king, and stood before him.

17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house, and I was deliuered of a childe, with her in the house.

18 And it came to passe the third day after that I was deliuered, that this woman was deliuered also : and wee were together ; there was no stranger with vs in the house, saue we two in the house.

19 And this womans childe died in the night : because she ouerlaid it.

20 And shee arose at midnight, and tooke my sonne from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and layd it in her bosome, and layd her dead childe in my bosome.

21 And when I rose in the morning to giue my childe sucke, behold, it was dead : but when I had considered it in the morning, beholde, it was not my sonne, which I did beare.

22 And the other woman said, Nay, but the liuing is my sonne, and the dead is thy sonne : And this said, No, but the dead is thy sonne, and the liuing is my sonne. Thus they spake before the king.

23 Then said the King, The one saith, This is my sonne, that liueth, and thy sonne is the dead : and the other saith, Nay : but thy sonne is the dead, and my sonne is the liuing.

24 And the King said, Bring mee a sword. And they brought a sword before the king :

25 And the king said, Diuide the liuing childe in two, and giue halfe to the one, and halfe to the other.

26 Then spake the woman whose the liuing childe was, vnto the king, (for her bowels were perned vpon her sonne) and she said, O my lord, giue her the liuing childe, and in no wise slay it : But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but diuide it.

27 Then the King answered and said, Giue her the liuing child, and in no wise slay it : she is the mother thereof.

28 And all Israel heard of the Iudgement which the king had iudged, and they feared the King : for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to doe Iudgement.

### CHAP. IIIL.

1 Solomons Princes. 7 His twelue Officers for prouision. 20. 24 The peace and largesse of his kingdome. 22 His daily prouision. 26 His stables. 29 His wisdom.

¶ King Solomon was king ouer all Israel.

2 And these were the Princes which he had, Azariah the sonne of Zadok, the Priest,

3 Eliphaz, and Ahiah the sonnes of Shisha, Scribes : Jehoshaphat the sonne of Ahilud the Recorder ;

4 And Benaiah the sonne of Jehoiada was ouer the host : And Zadok

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\* 1. Chron. 1. 10.  
† Hebr. hearing.

† Hebr. many dayes.

† Hebr. to heare.

\* Matth. 6. 33. wifd. 7. 11.  
|| Or, hath not bene.

\* Chap. 15. 5.

† Hebr. were her.

† Hebr. in the midst of him.

|| Or, the chiefe Officer.  
|| Or, Secretaries.  
|| Or, remembrancer.



# Solomons officers, I. Kings. and prouision.

and Abiathar were the Priests :

5 And Azariah the sonne of Nathan was ouer the officers: and Zabud the sonne of Nathan was principall officer, and the kings friend.

\* Chap. 5.  
14.  
Or, leuie.

6 And Ahishar was ouer the household: and \* Adoniram the sonne of Abda was ouer the tribute.

7 And Solomon had twelue officers ouer all Israel, which prouided victuals for the king and his household: each man his moneth in a yeere made prouision.

Or, Ben-hur.

8 And these are their names: || the sonne of Hur in mount Ephraim,

Or, Ben-Dekar.

9 The || sonne of Dekar in Dekar, and in Shaalbun, and Bethshemesh, and Elon-Bethhanan.

Or, Ben-Hefeb.

10 The || sonne of Hefeb in Aruboth, to him pertained Sochoh, and all the land of Hopher;

Or, Ben-Abinadab.

11 The || sonne of Abinadab in all the region of Dor, which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife:

12 Baana the sonne of Ahilud, to him pertained Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean, which is by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-Meholah, euen vnto the place that is beyond Jokneam:

Or, Ben-Geber.

13 The || sonne of Geber in Ramoth Gilead, to him pertained the towne of Jair the sonne of Manasseh, which are in Gilead: to him also pertained the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, threescore great cities, with walles, and brasen barres.

Or, to Mahanaim.

14 Ahinadab the sonne of Iddo had Mahanaim.

15 Ahimaaz was in Naphtali: he also tooke Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife.

16 Baanah the sonne of Hushai was in Asher and in Aloth:

17 Jehoshaphat the sonne of Paruah in Issachar:

18 Shimei the sonne of Elah in Benjamin:

19 Geber the sonne of Uri was in the countrey of Gilead, in the countrey of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan: and hee was the onely officer which was in the land.

20 And Judah and Israel were many, as the land which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking and making merrie.

\* Ecclus.  
47. 15.

21 And \* Solomon reigned ouer all kingdoms from the riuer vnto the land

of the Philistines, and vnto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and serued Solomon all the dayes of his life.

22 And Solomons prouision for one day, was thirtie measures of fine floure, and threescore measures of meale,

† Heb. bread.

† Heb. Cor.

23 Ten fat oxen, and twentie oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheepe, beside harts, and Roe-buckes, and fallow Deere, and fatted foule.

24 For he had dominion ouer all the region on this side the Riuer, from Tiph-sah euen to Azzah ouer all the kings on this side the Riuer: and he had peace on all sides round about him.

25 And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, euery man vnder his Vine, and vnder his Figtree, from Dan euen to Beer-sheba, all the dayes of Solomon.

† Heb. confidently.

26 And \* Solomon had fourtie thousand stables of horses for his charrets, and twelue thousand horsemen.

\* 2. Chron.  
9. 25.

27 And those officers prouided victuall for king Solomon, and for all that came vnto king Solomons table, euery man in his moneth: they lacked nothing.

28 Barley also and straw for the horses and || dromedaries, brought they vnto the place where the officers were, euery man according to his charge.

Or, mules, or swift beasts.

29 And \* God gaue Solomon wisdom, and vnderstanding, exceeding much, and largenesse of heart, euen as the sand that is on the sea shoare.

\* Ecclus.  
47. 14, 15, 16.

30 And Solomons wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the East countrey, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

31 For hee was wiser then all men: then Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda the sonnes of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.

32 And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.

33 And hee spake of trees, from the Cedar tree that is in Lebanon, euen vnto the hyssope that springeth out of the wall: hee spake also of beasts, and of foule, and of creeping things, and of fishes.

34 And there came of all people to heare the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

CHAP.



## C H A P. V.

1 Hiram sending to congratulate Solomon, is certified of his purpose to build the Temple, and desired to furnish him with timber there-to. 7 Hiram blessing God for Solomon, and requesting food for his family, furnisheth him with trees. 13 The number of Solomons workemen and labourers.

**A**ND Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants vnto Solomon: (for hee had heard that they had appointed him King in the rourne of his father,) for Hiram was euer a louer of Dauid.

2 And\* Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

3 Thou knowest how that Dauid my father could not build an house vnto the Name of the LORD his God, for the warres which were about him on euery side, vntill the LORD put them vnder the soles of his feet.

4 But now the LORD my God hath giuen me rest on euery side, so that there is neither aduersary, nor euill occurrent.

5 And behold, I† purpose to build an house vnto the Name of the LORD my God,\* as the LORD spake vnto Dauid my father, saying, Thy sonne, whom I will set vpon thy throne in thy rourne, he shall build an house vnto my Name.

6 Now therefore command thou, that they hew me Cedar trees out of Lebanon, and my servants shall bee with thy servants: and vnto thee will I giue hire for thy servants, according to all that thou shalt† appoint: for thou knowest that there is not among vs, any that can skill to hew timber, like vnto the Sidonians.

7 And it came to passe when Hiram heard the wordes of Solomon, that hee reioyced greatly, and said, Blessed be the LORD this day, which hath giuen vnto Dauid a wise sonne ouer this great people.

8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I haue† considered the things which thou sentest to me for: and I will doe all thy desire concerning timber of Cedar, and concerning timber of firre.

9 My servants shall bring them downe from Lebanon vnto the Sea: and I wil conuey them by sea in flotes, vnto the place that thou shalt† appoint

me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receiue them: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giuing food for my household.

10 So Hiram gaue Solomon Cedar trees, and Firre trees, according to all his desire.

11 And Solomon gaue Hiram twentie thousand† measures of wheate for food to his household, and twentie measures of pure oile: thus gaue Solomon to Hiram yeere by yeere.

12 And the LORD gaue Solomon wisdom,\* as hee promised him: and there was peace betweene Hiram and Solomon, and they two made a league together.

13 And King Solomon raised a† leuie out of all Israel, and the leuie was thirtie thousand men.

14 And hee sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a moneth by courses: a moneth they were in Lebanon, and two moneths at home: and\* Adoniram was ouer the leuie.

15 And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourescore thousand hewers in the mountaines:

16 Besides the chiefe of Solomons officers which were ouer the worke, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled ouer the people that wrought in the worke.

17 And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.

18 And Solomons builders, and Hiram's builders, did hewe them, and the stone-squarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

## C H A P. VI.

1 The building of Solomons Temple. 5 The chambers thereof. 11 Gods promise vnto it. 15 The fieling and adorning of it: 23 The Cherubims. 31 The doores. 36 The court. 37 The time of building it.

**A**ND\* it came to passe in the foure hundred and fourescore yeere after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth yere of Solomons reigne ouer Israel, in the moneth Zif, which is the second moneth, that he† began to build the house of the LORD.

2 And

† Heb. Cors.

\* Cha. 3. 12

† Heb. tribute of men.

\* Chap. 4. 6.

|| Or, Giblites, as Ezek. 27. 9.

2. Chron. 3. 1.

† Heb. built.

\* 1. Chro. 2. 3.

† Hebr. say.  
\* 2. Sam. 7.  
13. 1. chro.  
22. 10.

† Hebr. say.

† Hebr. heard.

† Hebr. send.



2 And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof was threescore cubites, and the breadth thereof twentie cubits, and the height thereof thirtie cubites.

3 And the porch before the Temple of the house: twentie cubites was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house, and tenne cubites was the breadth thereof before the house.

4 And for the house he made windows of narrow lights.

5 And against the wall of the house he built chambers round about, against the walles of the house round about, both of the Temple and of the Oracle: and hee made chambers round about.

6 The nethermost chamber was five cubites broad, and the middle was six cubites broad, and the third was seven cubites broad: for without in the wall of the house hee made narrowed rests round about, that the beames should not bee fastened in the walles of the house.

7 And the house when it was in building, was built of stone, made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe, nor any toole of yron heard in the house, while it was in building.

8 The doore for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house: and they went by with winding staires into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.

9 So he built the house and finished it: and couered the house with beams and boards of Cedar.

10 And then hee built chambers against all the house, five cubites high: and they rested on the house with timber of Cedar.

11 And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying;

12 Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walke in my Statutes, and execute my Judgements, and keepe all my Commandements to walke in them: then will I performe my word with thee, which I spake vnto David thy father.

13 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

15 And hee built the walles of the house within with boards of Cedar,

both the floore of the house, and the walles of the sieling: and hee couered them on the inside with wood, and couered the floore of the house with planks of firre.

16 And hee built twentie cubites on the sides of the house, both the floore, and the walles with boards of Cedar: hee euen built them for it within, euen for the Oracle, euen for the most holy place.

17 And the house, that is, the Temple before it, was fortie cubites long.

18 And the Cedar of the house within was carued with knops, and open flowres: all was Cedar, there was no stone seene.

19 And the Oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD.

20 And the Oracle in the forepart, was twenty cubits in length and twentie cubites in breadth, and twentie cubites in the height thereof: and hee ouerlayd it with pure golde, and so couered the Altar which was of Cedar.

21 So Solomon ouerlayd the house within with pure golde: and he made a partition, by the chaines of golde before the Oracle, and he ouerlaid it with gold.

22 And the whole house he ouerlaid with golde vntill he had finished all the house: also the whole Altar that was by the Oracle he ouerlaid with golde.

23 And within the Oracle he made two Cherubims of Oliue tree, each ten cubites high.

24 And five cubits was the one wing of the Cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the Cherub: from the vttermost part of the one wing, vnto the vttermost part of the other, were ten cubites.

25 And the other Cherub was tenne cubites: both the Cherubims were of one measure, and one size.

26 The height of the one Cherub was ten cubites, and so was it of the other Cherub.

27 And he set the Cherubims within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the Cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other Cherub touched the other wall: & their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.

28 And he ouerlayd the Cherubims with golde.

29 And hee carued all the walles of the

Or, from the floore of the house vnto the walles, &c. And so ver. 16.

Or, gourd. Heb. openings of flowres.

Heb. sent up.

Or, oyle. Heb. trees of oyle.

\* Exod. 25. 20.

Or, the Cherubims stretched forth their wings.

Or, windows broad within and narrow without: or, skewed and closed. Or, upon, or ioyning to. Heb. floores. Heb. ribs.

Heb. narrowings, or, rebatements.

Heb. shoulder.

Or, the vault beams and the sielings with Cedar.

\* 2. Sam. 7. 13. 1. chro. 22. 10.

Heb. wings of the house.

Or, square.

Or, the house.

Heb. wings of the house.

Or, square.

Or, the appearance of the house.

\* Chap. 10.



the house round about with carued figures of Cherubims, and palme trees, and open flowers, within & without.

30 And the floore of the house hee overlaid with gold, within and without.

31 And for the entring of the Oracle he made doores of Oliue tree: the lintell and side posts were a fifth part of the wall.

32 The two doores also were of Oliue tree, and he carued vpon them caruings of Cherubims, and palme trees, and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and spread gold vpon the Cherubims, and vpon the palme trees.

33 So also made hee for the doore of the Temple postes of Oliue tree a fourth part of the wall.

34 And the two doores were of firre tree: the two leaues of the one doore were folding, and the two leaues of the other doore were folding.

35 And he carued thereon Cherubims, and palme trees, and open flowers: and couered them with gold, fitted vpon the carued worke.

36 And hee built the inner Court with three rowes of hewed stone, and a row of Cedar beames.

37 In the fourth yeere was the foundation of the house of the LORD layd, in the moneth Zif.

38 And in the eleuenth yeere in the moneth Bul (which is the eight moneth) was the house finished through out all the parts therof, and according to all the fashion of it: So was he seven yeeres in building it.

## CHAP. VII.

1 The building of Solomons house. 2 Of the house of Lebanon. 6 Of the porch of pillars. 7 Of the porch of Iudgement. 8 Of the house for Pharaohs daughter. 13 Hiram worke of the two pillars. 23 Of the molten Sea. 27 Of the ten bases. 38 Of the ten lauers, 40 And all the vessels.

**B**Ut Solomon was building his owne house\* thirteene yeres, and he finished all his house.

2 Hee built also the house of the Forrest of Lebanon; the length thereof was a hundred cubites, and the breadth thereof fiftie cubites, and the height thereof thirtie cubites, vpon foure rowes of Cedar pillars,

With Cedar beames vpon the pillars.

3 And it was couered with Cedar aboue vpon the beames, that lay on fortie fine pillars, fiftene in a row.

4 And there were windowes in three rowes, and light was against light in three rankes.

5 And all the doores and postes were square, with the windowes: and light was against light in three rankes.

6 And he made a porch of pillars, the length thereof was fiftie cubites, and the breadth thereof thirtie cubites: and the porch was before them: and the other pillars, and the thicke beame were before them.

7 Then hee made a porch for the throne where he might iudge, euen the porch of Iudgement: and it was couered with Cedar from one side of the floore to the other.

8 And his house where he dwelt, had another court within the porch, which was of the like worke: Solomon made also an house for Pharaohs daughter, (whom he had taken to wife) like vnto this porch.

9 All these were of costly stones, according to the measures of hewed stones, sawed with sawes, within and without, euen from the foundation vnto the coping, and so on the outside toward the great court.

10 And the foundation was of costly stones, euen great stones: stones of ten cubites, and stones of eight cubites.

11 And aboue were costly stones (after the measures of hewed stones) and Cedars.

12 And the great court round about, was with three rowes of hewed stones, and a row of Cedar beames, both for the inner court of the house of the LORD, and for the porch of the house.

13 And king Solomon sent and fet Hiram out of Tyre.

14 Hee was a widowes sonne of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brasle, and he was filled with wisdom, and vnderstanding, and cunning to worke all workes in brasle: and hee came to king Solomon, and wrought all his worke.

15 For he cast two pillars of brasle of eightene cubites high a peece: and a line of twelue cubites did compasse either of them about.

16 And hee made two Chapiters of molten brasle, to set vpon the tops of the

† Heb. openings of flowers.

|| Or, fine square.

|| Or, leaues of the doores.

† Heb. openings of flowers.

|| Or, foure square.

|| Or, with all the appurtenances therof, and with all the ordinances therof.

\* Chap. 9. 10.

† Heb. ribs.

† Heb. sight against sight.

|| Or, spaces and pillars were square in prospect.

|| Or, according to them. || Or, according to them.

† Heb. from floore to floore.

\* Chap. 3. 1.

† Heb. the sonne of a widow woman.

† Heb. fashioned.



the pillars: the height of the one chapter was five cubites, and the height of the other chapter was five cubites:

17 And nets of checker worke, and wreathes of chaine worke, for the chapters which were vpon the top of the pillars: seven for the one chapter, and seven for the other chapter.

18 And he made the pillars, and two rowes round about vpon the one net worke, to couer the chapters that were vpon the top, with pomegranates: and so did he for the other chapter.

19 And the chapters that were vpon the top of the pillars, were of lillie worke in the porch, foure cubites.

20 And the chapters vpon the two pillars had pomegranates also, aboue, ouer against the belly which was by the net worke: and the pomegranates were two hundred in rowes round about, vpon the other chapter.

\* 2. Chr. 3.  
17.

¶ That is, he  
shall esta-  
blis.

¶ That is, in  
it is strength

21 \* And he set vp the pillars in the porch of the temple: and hee set vp the right pillar, and called the name thereof **Jachin**: and he set vp the left pillar, and called the name thereof **Boaz**.

22 And vpon the top of the pillars was lillie worke: so was the worke of the pillars finished.

† Heb. from  
his brimme,  
to his brim.

23 ¶ And he made a moulten Sea, ten cubites † from the one brim to the other: it was round all about, & his height was five cubits: and a line of thirtie cubites did compasse it round about.

\* 2. Chron.  
4. 3.

24 And vnder the brimme of it round about there were knops compassing it, ten in a cubite, \* compassing the sea round about: the knops were cast in two rowes, when it was cast.

25 It stood vpon twelue oren, three looking toward the North, and three looking toward the West, and three looking toward the South, and three looking toward the East: and the Sea was set aboue vpon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.

26 And it was an hand breadth thicke, and the brimme thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowres of lillies: it contained two thousand Baths.

27 ¶ And he made ten bases of brasle, foure cubites was the length of one base, and foure cubites the breadth thereof, and three cubites the height of it.

28 And the worke of the bases was on this maner: they had borders, and the borders were betweene the ledges:

29 And on the borders that were betweene the ledges were lyons, oren, and Cherubims: and vpon the ledges there was a base aboue: and beneath the lyons and oren were certaine additions made of thinne worke.

30 And euery base had foure brasen wheelles, and plates of brasle: and the foure corners thereof had vnderletters: vnder the lauer were vnderletters molten, at the side of euery addition.

31 And the mouth of it within the chapter, and aboue, was a cubite: but the mouth thereof was round after the worke of the base, a cubite and an halfe: and also vpon the mouth of it were grauings with their borders, foure square not round.

32 And vnder the borders were foure wheelles: & the axletrees of the wheelles were ioyned to the base, and the height of a wheele was a cubite and halfe a cubite.

† Heb. in the  
base.

33 And the worke of the wheelles was like the worke of a charet wheele: their axletrees and their naues, and their felloes, and their spokes were all molten.

34 And there were foure vnderletters to the foure corners of one base: and the vnderletters were of the very base it selfe.

35 And in the top of the base was there a round compasse of halfe a cubite high: and on the top of the base the ledges thereof, and the borders thereof were of the same.

36 For on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graued Cherubims, lions, and palme trees, according to the † proportion of euery one, and additions round about.

† Heb. na-  
kednesse.

37 After this maner he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one size.

38 ¶ Then made hee ten lauers of brasle: one lauer contained fourtie baths: and euery lauer was foure cubites, and vpon euery one of the ten bases, one lauer.

39 And he put five bases on the right † side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the Sea on the right side of the house Eastward, ouer against the South.

† Heb. shoul-  
der.

40 ¶ And Hiram made the lauers, and the shouels, and the basons: So Hiram made an ende of doing all the worke that hee made King Solomon, for the house of the **LORD**.

41 The two pillars, and the two bowles

† Heb. of  
the face.

† Heb.  
made bright  
or secured.  
† Heb. in  
the thick-  
nesse of the  
ground.  
† Heb. for  
the excee-  
ding multi-  
tude.  
† Heb. sea-  
ched.

† Heb. as  
pans.

† Heb. skin  
of Dauid.  
\* 2. Chron.  
5. 1.

\* 2. Chron.  
5. 2.

† Heb.  
Princes.



# Diuers vessels. The Chap.viij. Temple dedicated.

bowles of the chapiters that were on the top of the two pillars: and the two networkes, to couer the two bowles of the chapiters which were vpon the top of the pillars:

42 And foure hundred Pomegranates for the two networkes, euen two rowes of Pomegranates for one networke, to couer the two bowles of the chapiters that were vpon the pillars:

43 And the ten bases, and ten lauers on the bases.

44 And one Sea, and twelue oren vnder the Sea.

45 And the pots, and the shouels, and the basons: and all these vessels which Hiram made to King Solomon, for the house of the LORD, were of bright brasle.

46 In the plaine of Iordane did the king cast them in the clay ground, betweene Succoth and Zarthan.

47 And Solomon left all the vessels vnweighed, because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brasle found out.

48 And Solomon made all the vessels that pertained vnto the house of the LORD: the Altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the Shewbread was:

49 And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the Oracle, with the flowers, and the lampes, and the tongs of gold,

50 And the boules, and the snuffers, and the basons, & the spoones, and the censers of pure gold: and the hindges of gold, both for the doores of the inner house the most holy place, and for the doores of the house, to wit, of the temple.

51 So was ended all the worke that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD: and Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated, euen the siluer, and the gold, & the vessels did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.

## CHAP. VIII.

1 The feast of the dedication of the Temple, 12. and 54. Solomons blessing. 22 Solomons prayer. 62 His sacrifice of peace offrings.

**W**hen Solomon assembled the Elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chiefe of the fathers of the children of Israel,

vnto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring vp the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD, out of the citie of Dauid, which is Zion.

2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves vnto king Solomon, at the feast, in the moneth Ethanim, which is the seueneth moneth.

3 And all the Elders of Israel came, and the Priests tooke vp the Arke.

4 And they brought vp the Arke of the LORD, and the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tabernacle, euen those did the Priests & the Levites bring vp.

5 And king Solomon, and all the Congregation of Israel, that were assembled vnto him, were with him before the Arke, sacrificing sheepe, and oren, that could not bee told nor numbred for multitude.

6 And the Priests brought in the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD vnto his place, into the Oracle of the house to the most holy place, euen vnder the wings of the Cherubims.

7 For the Cherubims spread forth their two wings ouer the place of the Arke, and the Cherubims couered the Arke, and the stanes thereof aboue.

8 And they drew out the stanes, that the ends of the stanes were scene out in the holy place before the Oracle, and they were not scene without: and there they are vnto this day.

9 There was nothing in the Arke, saue the two Tables of stone, which Moyses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a Couenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 And it came to passe when the Priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD;

11 So that the Priests could not stand to minister, because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

12 Then spake Solomon; The LORD said that hee would dwell in the thicke darkenesse.

13 I haue surely built thee an house to dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide in for ever.

14 And the King turned his face about, and blessed all the Congregation of Israel: (and all the Congregation of Israel stood.)

15 And

† Hebr. vpon the face.

† Hebr. made bright, or scoured.

† Hebr. in the thicknesse of the ground.

† Hebr. for the exceeding multitude.

† Hebr. searched.

† Hebr. ashpans.

† Hebr. things of Dauid. \* 2. Chron. 5.1.

\* 2. Chron. 5.2.

† Hebr. Princes.

† Heb. heads. || Or, Arke, as 2. Chron. 5.9.

\* Deut. 10. 5. || Or, where.

\* Exod. 40. 34.

\* 2. Chro. 6. 1.



15 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which spake with his mouth vnto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled it, saying;

16 Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no citie out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house that my Name might be therein; but I chose \* David to be ouer my people Israel.

17 And it was in the heart of David my father, to builde an house for the Name of the LORD God of Israel.

18 And the LORD sayd vnto David my father, whereas it was in thine heart to build an house vnto my Name, thou diddest well that it was in thine heart.

19 Neuerthelesse, thou shalt not build the house, but thy sonne that shall come forth out of thy loynes, hee shall build the house vnto my Name.

20 And the LORD hath perfourmed his word that he spake, and I am risen vp in the rounne of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and haue built an house for the Name of the LORD God of Israel.

21 And I haue set there a place for the Arke, wherein is the Couenant of the LORD, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

22 And Solomon stood before \* the Altar of the LORD, in the presence of all the Congregation of Israel, and spread forth his handes toward heaven:

23 And hee said, \* LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heauen aboue, or on earth beneath, who keepest couenant and mercy with thy seruants, that walke before thee with all their heart:

24 Who hast kept with thy seruant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.

25 Therefore now LORD God of Israel, keepe with thy seruant David my father, that thou promisedst him, saying; \* There shall not faile thee a man in my sight to sit on the Throne of Israel; † so that thy children take heede to their way, that they walke before me as thou hast walked before me:

26 And now, O God of Israel, let

thy worde (I pray thee) bee verified, which thou spakest vnto thy seruant David my father.

27 But will God indeede dwell on the earth: Behold, the heauen, and heauen of heauens cannot containe thee: how much lesse this house that I haue builded:

28 Yet haue thou respect vnto the prayer of thy seruant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken vnto the crie and to the prayer, which thy seruant prayeth before thee to day:

29 That thine eyes may be open toward this house, night and day, euen toward the place of which thou hast said, \* My Name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken vnto the prayer which thy seruant shall make || towards this place.

30 And hearken thou to the supplication of thy seruant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray || towards this place: and heare thou in heauen thy dwelling place, and when thou hearest, forgive.

31 ¶ If any man trespassse against his neighbour, † and an oath be laid vpon him to cause him to sweare, and the oath come before thine Altar in this house:

32 Then heare thou in heauen, and doe, and iudge thy seruants, condemning the wicked to bring his way vpon his head, and iustifying the righteous, to giue him according to his righteousness.

33 ¶ When thy people Israel bee smitten downe before the enemy, because they haue sinned against thee, and shall turne againe to thee, and confesse thy Name, and pray, and make supplication vnto thee || in this house:

34 Then heare thou in heauen, and forgive the sinne of thy people Israel, and bring them againe vnto the land, which thou gauest vnto their fathers.

35 ¶ When heauen is shut vp, and there is no raine, because they haue sinned against thee: if they pray towards this place, and confesse thy Name, and turne from their sinne, when thou afflictest them:

36 Then heare thou in heauen, and forgive the sinne of thy seruants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walke, and giue raine vpon thy land which

\* 2. Sam. 7. 8.

\* 2. Chron. 6. 13.

\* 2. Macc. 1. 8.

\* Chap. 2. 4.  
2. Sam. 7. 12.  
† Heb. there shall not be cut off vnto thee a man from my sight.  
† Heb. only if.

\* Deut. 12. 11.

|| Or, in this place.

|| Or, in this place.

† Heb. and he require an oath of him.

|| Or, towards.

† Heb. thy Name is called upon thee.

† Heb. the way of the cise.

|| Or, right.  
\* 2. Chron. 6. 36. eccles. 7. 22. 1. John 1. 8. 10.

† Heb. bring backe to their heart.



which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

37 ¶ If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar: if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities, whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be;

38 what prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his owne heart, and spread forth his handes towards this house:

39 Then heare thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his wayes, whose heart thou knowest: (for thou, euen thou onely knowest the hearts of all the children of men.)

40 That they may feare thee all the dayes that they live, in the land which thou gavest vnto our fathers.

41 Moreover, concerning a stranger that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a farre countrey, for thy Names sake;

42 (For they shall heare of thy great Name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arme) when hee shall come and pray towards this house:

43 Heare thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and doe according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy Name, to feare thee, as doe thy people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I haue builded, is called by thy Name.

44 ¶ If thy people goe out to battell against their enemy, whithersoener thou shalt send them, and shall pray vnto the LORD toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house that I haue built for thy Name:

45 Then heare thou in heaven their prayer & their supplication, and mainteine their cause.

46 If they sinne against thee, (\* for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliuer them to the enemy, so that they cary them away captiues, vnto the land of the enemy, farre or neere;

47 Yet if they shall bethinke themselves, in the land whither they were caryed captiues, and repent, and make supplication vnto thee in the land of them that caryed them captiues, saying,

wee haue sinned, and haue done perversly, we haue committed wickednes;

48 And so returne vnto thee with all their heart, and with all their soule, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captiue, and pray vnto thee toward their land, which thou gavest vnto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I haue built for thy Name:

49 Then heare thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and mainteine their cause,

50 And forgive thy people that haue sinned against thee, and all their transgressions, wherein they haue transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before them who caryed them captiue, that they may haue compassion on them:

51 For they be thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the mids of the furnace of iron:

52 That thine eyes may be open vnto the supplication of thy seruant, and vnto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken vnto them in all that they call for vnto thee.

53 For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy seruant, when thou \* broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O LORD GOD.

54 And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication vnto the LORD, he arose from before the Altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees, with his handes spread vp to heaven.

55 And he stood, and blessed all the Congregation of Israel, with a lowd voice, saying;

56 Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest vnto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his seruant.

57 The LORD our God be with vs, as he was with our fathers: let him not leaue vs, nor forsake vs:

58 That hee may encline our hearts vnto him, to walke in all his wayes, and to keepe his Commandements, and his Statutes, and his Judgements

Or, iurisdiction.

Or, right.

\* Exod. 19. 6.

† Heb. fallen.

† Hebr. thy Name is called upon this house.

† Hebr. the way of the citie.

Or, right.  
\* 2. Chron. 6. 36. eccles. 7. 22. 1. iohn 1. 8, 10.

† Heb. bring backe to their heart.



ments which hee commaunded our fathers.

59 And let these my wordes where: With I haue made supplication before the LORD, be nigh vnto the LORD our God, day and night, that hee maintaine the cause of his seruant, and the cause of his people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require:

60 That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God: and that there is none else.

61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD your God, to walke in his Statutes, and to keepe his Commandements, as at this day.

62 And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD.

63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered vnto the LORD, two and twentie thousand oxen, and an hundred and twentie thousand sheepe: so the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.

64 The same day did the king hallow the middle of the Court that was before the house of the LORD: for there hee offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brasen Altar that was before the LORD, was too little to receiue the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

65 And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great Congregation, from the entring in of Hamath, vnto the riuer of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seuen dayes and seuen dayes, euen fourteene dayes.

66 On the eight day he sent the people away: and they blessed the King, and went vnto their tents ioyfull, and glad of heart, for all the goodnesse that the LORD had done for Dauid his seruant, and for Israel his people.

## CHAP. IX.

1 Gods Couenant in a vision, with Solomon. 10 The mutual presents of Solomon and Hiram. 15 In Solomons workes the Gentiles were his bondmen, the Israelites honourable seruants. 24 Pharaohs daughter remooueth to her house. 25 Solomons yeerely solemne sacrifices. 26 His nauie fetcheth golde from Ophir.



And it came to passe, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the kings house, and all Solomons desire which hee was pleased to doe,

2 That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as hee had appeared vnto him at Gibeon.

3 And the LORD said vnto him, I haue heard thy prayer and thy supplication that thou hast made before me: I haue hallowed this house which thou hast built, to put my Name there for ever, and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

4 And if thou wilt walke before me, as Dauid thy father walked, in integritie of heart, and in vprightnesse, to doe according to all that I haue commanded thee, and wilt keepe my Statutes, and my Iudgements:

5 Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdome vpon Israel for ever, as I promised to Dauid thy father, saying, There shall not faile thee a man vpon the throne of Israel.

6 But if you shall at all turne from following me, you or your children, and will not keepe my Commandements, and my Statutes, which I haue set before you, but goe and serue other gods, and worship them:

7 Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I haue giuen them; and this house which I haue hallowed for my Name, will I cast out of my sight, and Israel shall bee a prouerbe, and a by-word among all people:

8 And at this house which is high, euery one that passeth by it, shall be astonished, and shall hisse, and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus vnto this land, and to this house?

9 And they shall answer, Because they forooke the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and haue taken hold vpon other gods, and haue worshipped them, and serued them: therefore hath the LORD brought vpon them all this euill.

10 And it came to passe at the end of twentie yeeres, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the Kings house,

11 (Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with Cedar trees,

† Heb. the thing of a day in his day.

\* 2.Chron. 7.4.

\* 2.Chron. 7.7.

Or, thanked.

\* 2.Chron. 7.11.

\* Chap. 3.5.

\* Cha. 8.29.

\* 2.Sam. 7. 12. 1.Chro. 22.10.

\* Ier. 7.14.

\* Deut. 29. 24. Ierem. 22.8.

\* 2.Chron. 8.1.

† Heb. vnto right in his eye

† That it displeaseth or, diuine

† Heb. the desire of solomons was to be desired

\* Leuit. 39.

\* 2.Chron. 8.11.



treese, and firre trees, and with golde according to al his desire) that then Solomon gaue Hiram twentie cities in the land of Galile.

12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had giuen him, and they † pleased him not.

13 And he said, what cities are these which thou hast giuen me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul vnto this day.

14 And Hiram sent to the king fise score talents of gold.

15 And this is the reason of the leuie which king Solomon raised, for to build the house of the LORD, and his owne house, and Billo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.

16 For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone by, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slaine the Canaanites that dwelt in the citie, and giuen it for a present vnto his daughter Solomons wife.

17 And Solomon built Gezer, and Beth-horon the nether,

18 And Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land.

19 And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his charets, and cities for his horsemen, and † that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

20 And all the people that were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which were not of the children of Israel,

21 Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able vtterly to destroy, vpon those did Solomon leuie a tribute of bond-seruice vnto this day.

22 But of the children of Israel did Solomon \* make no bondmen: but they were men of warre, and his seruants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his charets, and his horsemen.

23 These were the chiefe of the officers that were ouer Solomons worke, fise hundred and fiftie, which bare rule ouer the people that wrought in the worke.

24 But \* Pharaohs daughter came by out of the citie of David, vnto her house which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Billo.

25 And three times in a yeere did

Solomon offer burnt offerings, and peace offerings vpon the Altar which he built vnto the LORD, and he burnt incense † vpon the altar that was before the LORD: so he finished the house.

26 And king Solomon made a nauie of ships in Ezion Geber, which is beside Cloth, on the † shoare of the red sea, in the land of Edom.

27 And Hiram sent in the nauie his seruants, shipmen that had knowledge of the Sea, with the seruants of Solomon.

28 And they came to Ophir, and fet from thence gold foure hundred and twentie talents, and brought it to king Solomon.

## CHAP. X.

1 The Queene of Sheba admireth the wisdom of Solomon. 14 Solomons gold. 16 His targets. 18 The throne of Iuorie. 21 His vessels. 24 His presents. 26 His chariots and horse. 28 His tribute.

And when the \* Queene of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, concerning the Name of the LORD; shee came to prooue him with hard questions.

2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great traine, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when shee was come to Solomon, she communed with him, of all that was in her heart.

3 And Solomon tolde her all her † questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which hee told her not.

4 And when the Queene of Sheba had seene all Solomons wisdom, and the house that he had built,

5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his seruants, and the † attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his † cup bearers, and his ascent by which hee went by vnto the house of the LORD: there was no more spirit in her.

6 And she said to the king, It was a true † report that I heard in mine owne land, of thy † actes and of thy wisdom.

7 Howbeit, I beleued not the words, vntill I came and mine eyes had seene it: and beholde, the halfe was not told me: † thy wisdom and prosperitie exceedeth the fame which I heard.

¶ 2 8 Happie

† Hebr. vpon it.

† Hebr. lip.

\* 2. Chron. 9.1. mat. 12. 42. luke 11. 31.

† Hebr. words

† Hebr. standing.

Or, Butlers

† Hebr. word.

Or, sayings

† Hebr. thou hast added wisdom and goodnes to the same.

† Heb. were not right in his eyes.

|| That is, displeasing or, dirtie.

† Heb. the desire of Solomon which he desired.

\* Leuit. 25. 39.

\* 2. Chron. 8.11.



8 **H**appie are thy men, happy are these thy seruants, which stand continually before thee, and that heare thy wisdom.

9 **B**lessed be the **L O R D** thy God which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the **L O R D** loued Israel for euer, therefore made he thee King, to doe iudgement and iustice.

10 And he gaue the king an hundred and twentie talents of gold, and of spices very great store, & precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices, as these, which the Queene of Sheba gaue to king Solomon.

11 And the nauie also of Hiram that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir, great plentie of Almug trees, and precious stones.

12 And the king made of the Almug trees, || pillars for the house of the **L O R D**, and for the Kings house, harpes also and psalteries for singers: there came no such \* Almug trees, nor were seene vnto this day.

13 And king Solomon gaue vnto the Queene of Sheba, al her desire whatsoeuer she asked, besides that which Solomon gaue her † of his royall bountie: so she turned and went to her owne countrey, she and her seruants.

14 **N**ow the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one yere, was six hundred, threescore & six talents of gold,

15 Besides that he had of the merchant men, and of the traffique of the spice-merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the || gouernours of the countrey.

16 **A**nd king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten golde: six hundred shekels of golde went to one target.

17 And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold, three pound of gold went to one shield; and the king put them in the \* house of the forrest of Lebanon.

18 **M**oreouer the king made a great throne of yuorie, and ouerlaide it with the best gold.

19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round † behind: and there were † staves on either side on the place of the seate, and two lyons stood beside the staves.

20 And twelue lions stood there on the one side and on the other vpon the six steps: there was not † the like made in any kingdome.

21 **A**nd all king Solomons drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forrest of Lebanon were of pure gold, || none were of siluer, it was nothing accounted of in the dayes of Solomon.

22 For the king had at sea a nauie of Tharshish, with the nauie of Hiram: once in three yeeres came the nauie of Tharshish, bringing golde and siluer, || yuorie, and apes, and peacocks.

23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth, for riches and for wisdom.

24 **A**nd all the earth † sought to Solomon, to heare his wisdom which God had put in his heart.

25 And they brought euery man his present, vessels of siluer, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate yere by yere.

26 **A**nd Solomon gathered together \* charrets and horsemen. And hee had a thousand and foure hundred charrets, and twelue thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for charrets, and with the king at Jerusalem.

27 And the king † made siluer to be in Jerusalem as stones, and Cedars made he to be as the Sycomore trees, that are in the vale for abundance.

28 **A**nd Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarne: the kings merchants receiued the linen yarne at a price.

29 And a charet came vp and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of siluer, and an horse for an hundred and fiftie: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out † by their meanes.

## CHAP. XI.

1 Solomons wiues and concubines. 4 In his old age they draw him to idolatry. 9 God threatneth him. 14 Solomons aduersaries were Hadad, who was intertained in Egypt, 23 Rezon who reigned in Damascus, 26 And Ieroboam, to whom Ahiah prophesied. 41 Solomons actes, reigne, and death: Rehoboam succeedeth him.

**A**t King Solomon loued \* many strange women, (|| together with † daughter of Pharaoh) women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians & Hittites:

2 Of

|| Or, railes.  
Heb. a prop.

\* 2. Chron.  
9. 10.

† Hebr. according to  
the hand of  
king Solomon.

|| Or, Captaines.

\* Chap. 7. 2

† Hebr. on the  
hinder part  
thereof.  
† Hebr. hands.

† Hebr. so.

|| Or, there  
was no silver  
in them.

|| Or, Elephants teeth.

† Hebr. sought  
the face of.

\* Iudg.  
13.

\* 2. Chron.  
1. 14.

† Hebr. gave.

2. Chron. 1.  
16. & 9. 28.

† Hebr. and  
the going  
forth of the  
horses which  
was Solomon.

\* Chap.  
5. 9.

\* Chap.  
12.

† Hebr. by  
their hand.

† Hebr. with the

\* Chap.  
15.

\* Deut. 17.  
17. ecclus.  
49. 19.  
|| Or, besides



# His wiues, idolatries, Chap.xj. and aduersaries.

2 Of the nations concerning which the LORD said vnto the children of Israel, \*Vee shall not goe in to them, neither shall they come in vnto you, for surely they will turne away your heart after their gods: Solomon claue vnto these in loue.

3 And he had seuen hundred wiues, Princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wiues turned away his heart.

4 For it came to passe when Solomon was old, that his wiues turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

5 For Solomon went after \*Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Bilcom the abomination of the Amorites.

6 And Solomon did euill in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father.

7 Then did Solomon build an hie place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the children of Ammon.

8 And likewise did hee for all his strange wiues, which burnt incense and sacrificed vnto their gods.

9 And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel \*which had appeared vnto him in wife,

10 And \*had commaunded him concerning this thing, that hee should not goe after other gods: but hee kept not that which the LORD commanded.

11 Wherefore the LORD said vnto Solomon; Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my Couenant, and my Statutes which I haue commanded thee, \*I wil surely rend the kingdome from thee, and will giue it to thy seruant.

12 Notwithstanding in thy dayes I wil not doe it, for David thy fathers sake: but I wil rend it out of the hand of thy sonne.

13 Howbeit, I wil not rend away all the kingdome: but wil giue one tribe to thy sonne, for David my seruants sake, and for Jerusalems sake, which I haue chosen.

14 And the LORD stirred vp an

aduersary vnto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: hee was of the kings seed in Edom.

15 \*For it came to passe when David was in Edom, and Joab the captaine of the host was gone by to bury the flaine, after he had smitten euery male in Edom:

16 (For sixe moneths did Joab remaine there with all Israel, vntil hee had cut off euery male in Edom.)

17 That Hadad fled, he and certaine Edomites of his fathers seruants with him, to goe into Egypt: Hadad being yet a litle childe.

18 And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran, and they tooke men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, vnto Pharaoh king of Egypt, which gaue him an house, and appointed him vitailles, and gaue him land.

19 And Hadad found great fauour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gaue him to wife the sister of his owne wife, the sister of Tahpenes the Queene.

20 And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his sonne, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaohs house: and Genubath was in Pharaohs household among the sonnes of Pharaoh.

21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captaine of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, †Let me depart, that I may go to mine owne countrey.

22 Then Pharaoh said vnto him, But what hast thou lacked with mee, that, behold, thou seekest to goe to thine owne countrey: And hee answered, †Nothing: Howbeit, let mee goe in any wise.

23 And \*God stirred him vp another aduersary: Rezon, the sonne of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadzer king of Zobah:

24 And he gathered men vnto him, and became captaine ouer a band, when David slew them of Zobah: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.

25 And he was an aduersarie to Israel all the dayes of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad did: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned ouer Syria.

26 And \*Jeroboam the sonne of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zereda, Solomons seruant, (whose mothers name

\*Exod. 34. 16.

\*Judg. 2. 13.

†Hebr. fulfilled not after.

\*Chap. 3. 5.9.

\*Chap. 6. 12.

†Hebr. is with thee.

\*Chap. 12. 15.

\*2. Sam. 8. 14.

†Heb. send me away.

†Heb. Nor.

\*2. Sam. 8. 3. and 10. 18.

\*2. Chron. 13. 6.



was Zeruah a widow woman) euen he lift vp his hand against the king.

† Hebr. clo-  
sed.

27 And this was the cause that hee lift vp his hand against the king: Solomon built Billo, and † repaired the breaches of the citie of David his father.

† Heb. did  
worke.

28 And the man Ieroboam was a mightie man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he † was industrious, hee made him ruler ouer all the † charge of the house of Joseph.

† Hebr. bur-  
den.

29 And it came to passe at that time when Ieroboam went out of Ierusalem, that the Prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way: and hee had clad himselfe with a new garment: and they two were alone in the field.

30 And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelue pieces.

31 And he said to Ieroboam, Take thee tenne pieces: for thus sayth the LORD the God of Israel, Behold, I will rent the kingdome out of the hand of Solomon, and will giue ten tribes to thee:

32 (But hee shall haue one tribe, for my seruant Dauids sake, and for Ierusalemis sake, the citie which I haue chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:)

33 Because that they haue forsaken mee, and haue worshipped Ashtaroth the goddesse of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and haue not walked in my wayes, to doe that which is right in mine eyes, and to keepe my Statutes, and my Iudgements, as did David his father.

34 Howbeit, I will not take the whole kingdome out of his hand: but I will make him Prince all the dayes of his life, for David my seruants sake, whom I chole, because hee kept my Commandements and my Statutes:

\* Chap. 12.  
15.

35 But \* I will take the kingdome out of his sonnes hand, and will giue it vnto thee, euen ten tribes.

† Hebr. lamp  
or candle.

36 And vnto his sonne will I giue one tribe, that David my seruant may haue a † light alway before me in Ierusalem, the citie which I haue chosen me to put my Name there.

37 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reigne according to all that thy soule desireth, and shalt be King ouer Israel.

38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken vnto all that I command thee, and

wilt walke in my wayes, and doe that is right in my sight, to keepe my Statutes and my Commandements, as David my seruant did: that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will giue Israel vnto thee.

39 And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for euer.

40 Solomon sought therefore to kill Ieroboam, and Ieroboam arose, and fledde into Egypt, vnto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt vntill the death of Solomon.

41 ¶ And the rest of the || actes of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the booke of the actes of Solomon:

|| Or, words,  
or things.

42 And the † time that Solomon reigned in Ierusalem, ouer all Israel, was \* fourtie yeeres.

† Heb. dayes.

\* 2. Chron.  
9.30.

43 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the citie of David his father: and \* Rehoboam his sonne reigned in his stead.

\* Mat. 1.7.  
called Ro-  
boam.

## CHAP. XII.

1 The Israelites assembled at Shechem to crowne Rehoboam, by Ieroboam make a suite of relaxation vnto him. 6 Rehoboam refusing the olde mens counsell, by the aduice of young men, answereth them roughly. 16 Ten tribes reuolting, kill Adoram, and make Rehoboam to flee. 21 Rehoboam raising an armie, is forbidden by Shemaiah. 25 Ieroboam strengtheneth himselfe by cities, 26 and by the idolatrie of the two calves.

¶ **A**D \* Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.

\* 2. Chron.  
10.1.

2 And it came to passe when Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, who was yet in \* Egypt, heard of it (for hee was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Ieroboam dwelt in Egypt:)

\* Chap. 11.  
40.

3 That they sent, and called him: and Ieroboam and all the Congregation of Israel came, and spake vnto Rehoboam, saying:

4 Thy father made our \* yoke grievous: now therefore, make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put vpon vs, lighter, and we will serue thee.

\* Chap. 4.7

5 And hee said vnto them, Depart yet for threec dayes, then come againe to me.

\* Chap. 11.  
11.



me. And the people departed.

6 And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men that stood before Solomon his father, while he yet lived, and said, How doe you aduise, that I may answer this people?

7 And they spake vnto him, saying, If thou wilt be a seruant vnto this people this day, and wilt serue them, and answer them, and speake good words to them, then they will be thy seruants for euer.

8 But hee forooke the counsell of the old men, which they had giuen him, and consulted with the yong men, that were growen vp with him, and which stood before him.

9 And hee said vnto them, what counsell giue ye, that we may answer this people, who haue spoken to mee, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put vpon vs, lighter?

10 And the young men that were growen vp with him, spake vnto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speake vnto this people that spake vnto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter vnto vs; thus shalt thou say vnto them, My litle finger shall bee thicker then my fathers loynes.

11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I wil adde to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whippes, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me againe the third day.

13 And the king answered the people roughly, and forooke the old mens counsell that they gaue him:

14 And spake to them after the counsell of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will adde to your yoke; my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

15 Wherefore the king hearkened not vnto the people: for the cause was from the LORD, that hee might performe his saying, which the LORD spake by \* Ahiah the Shilonite vnto Jeroboam the sonne of Nebat.

16 So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not vnto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion haue we in David: nei-

ther haue we inheritance in the sonne of Iesse: to your tents, O Israel: now we see to thine owne house, David. So Israel departed vnto their tents.

17 But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Iudah, Rehoboam reigned ouer them.

18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was ouer the tribute, and all Israel stoned him with stones that hee died: therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him vp to his charet, to flee to Ierusalem.

19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David vnto this day.

20 And it came to passe when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come againe, that they sent and called him vnto the Congregation, and made him king ouer all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Iudah\* onely.

21 And when Rehoboam was come to Ierusalem, hee assembled all the house of Iudah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourescore thousand chosen men which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdome againe to Rehoboam the sonne of Solomon.

22 But\* the word of God came vnto Shemaiah, the man of God, saying,

23 Speake vnto Rehoboam the sonne of Solomon king of Iudah, and vnto all the house of Iudah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

24 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not goe vp, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: returne euery man to his house, for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein, and went out from thence, and built Peniel.

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdome returne to the house of David:

27 If this people goe vp, to doe sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Ierusalem, then shall the heart of this people turne againe vnto their lord, euen vnto Rehoboam king of Iudah, and they shall kill mee, and goe againe to Rehoboam king of Iudah.

28 where-

† Heb. strengthened himselfe.

|| Or, fellow-way.

\* Chap. II. 13.

\* 2. Chron. II. 2.

† Heb. hardly.

\* Chap. II. 11.



\* Exod. 32.  
8.

28 Whereupon the king tooke counsell, and made two calues of gold, and said vnto them, It is too much for you to goe by to Jerusalem: \* Behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee by out of the land of Egypt.

29 And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan.

30 And this thing became a sinne: for the people went to worship before the one, euen vnto Dan.

31 And he made an house of hie places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sonnes of Levi.

32 And Ieroboam ordeined a feast in the eight moneth, on the fifteenth day of the moneth, like vnto the feast that is in Iudah, and he offered vpon the altar (so did he in Bethel,) || sacrificing vnto the calues that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made.

33 So hee offered vpon the altar, which hee had made in Bethel, the fifteenth day of the eighth moneth, euen in the moneth which he had deuised of his owne heart: and ordeined a feast vnto the children of Israel, and he offered vpon the altar, and burnt incense.

### CHAP. XIII.

1 Ieroboams hand, that offered violence to him that prophesied against his altar at Bethel, withereth, 6 and at the prayer of the Prophet is restored. 7 The Prophet, refusing the kings intertainment, departeth from Bethel. 11 An old Prophet, seducing him, bringeth him backe. 20 He is reprooued by God, 23 slaine by a Lion, 26 buried by the old Prophet, 31 Who confirmeth his prophecie. 33 Ieroboams obstinacie.

**A**nd behold, there came a man of God out of Iudah by the word of the LORD vnto Bethel: and Ieroboam stood by the altar to burne incense.

2 And hee cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD, Behold, a child shall be borne vnto the house of David, \* Josiah by name, and vpon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burne incense vpon thee, and mens bones shall be burnt vpon thee.

3 And he gaue a signe the same day,

saying, This is the signe which the LORD hath spoken: Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are vpon it, shall be powred out.

4 And it came to passe when king Ieroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him: And his hand which hee put forth against him, dried by, so that hee could not pull it in againe to him.

5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes powred out from the altar, according to the signe which the man of God had giuen by the word of the LORD.

6 And the king answered, and said vnto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for mee, that my hand may be restored mee againe. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the kings hand was restored againe, and became as it was before.

7 And the king said vnto the man of God, Come home with mee, and refresh thy selfe, and I wil giue thee a reward.

8 And the man of God said vnto the king, If thou wilt giue mee halfe thine house, I will not goe in with thee, neither will I eat bread, nor drinke water in this place:

9 For so was it charged mee by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread, nor drinke water, nor turne again by the same way that thou camest.

10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that hee came to Bethel.

11 Now there dwelt an old prophet in Bethel, and his sonne came and told him all the workes that the man of God had done that day in Bethel: the words which hee had spoken vnto the king, them they tolde also to their father.

12 And their father said vnto them, what way went he: for his sonnes had seene what way the man of God went, which came from Iudah.

13 And hee saide vnto his sonnes, Saddle me the asse. So they saddled him the asse, and he rode thereon,

14 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting vnder an oke: and he said vnto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Iudah: And he said, I am.

15 Then

|| Or, went  
up to the altar  
&c.  
|| Or to sacrifice.

|| Or, went  
up to the altar  
&c.

† Hebr. to  
burne incense.

|| Or, to offer.

\* 2. King.  
23. 17.

† Hebr.  
word was

† Hebr. the  
face of the  
LORD,

† Hebr. bro-  
ken.



15 Then hee said vnto him, Come home with me, and eate bread.

16 And he said, I may not returne with thee, nor goe in with thee: neither will I eat bread, nor drinke water with thee in this place.

† Heb. a word was.

17 For † it was said to mee by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eate no bread, nor drinke water there, nor turne againe to go by the way that thou camest.

18 He said vnto him, I am a prophet also as thou art, and an angel spake vnto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him backe with thee into thine house, that he may eate bread, and drinke water: But he lied vnto him.

19 So he went backe with him, and did eate bread in his house, and drinke water.

20 And it came to passe as they sate at the table, that the word of the LORD came vnto the prophet that brought him backe:

21 And he cried vnto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,

22 But camest backe, and hast eaten bread, and drinke water, in the place, of the which the LORD did say to thee, Eate no bread, and drinke no water; thy carcase shall not come vnto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

23 And it came to passe after he had eaten bread, and after hee had drinke, that he saddled for him the asse, to wit, for the prophet, whome hee had brought backe.

24 And when he was gone, a lyon met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the asse stood by it, the lyon also stood by the carcase.

25 And beholde, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lyon standing by the carcase: and they came and told it in the citie where the old prophet dwelt.

26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way, heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient vnto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath deliuered him vnto the lion, which hath † torne him, and slaine him, accor-

ding to the word of the LORD, which he spake vnto him.

27 And he spake to his sonnes, saying, Saddle me the asse: and they saddled him.

28 And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the asse and the lyon standing by the carcase: the lyon had not eaten the carcase, nor † torne the asse.

† Heb. broken.

29 And the prophet tooke by the carcase of the man of God, and laid it vpon the asse, and brought it backe: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourne, and to burie him.

30 And hee laid his carcase in his owne graue, and they mourned ouer him, saying, Alas my brother.

31 And it came to passe after hee had buried him, that he spake to his sonnes, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre, wherein the man of God is buried, lay my bones beside his bones.

32 For the saying which hee cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to passe.

33 After this thing, Jeroboam returned not from his euill way, but † made againe of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whosoever would, he † consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.

† Heb. returned and made.

† Heb. filled his hand.

34 And this thing became sinne vnto the house of Jeroboam, euen to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.

## CHAP. XIII.

1 Abijah being sicke, Ieroboam sendeth his wife disguised with Presents to the prophet Ahijah at Shiloh. 5 Ahijah forewarned by God, denounceth Gods iudgement. 17 Abijah dieth and is buried. 19 Nadab succeedeth Ieroboam. 21 Rehoboams wicked reigne. 25 Shishak spoileth Ierusalem. 29 Abiam succeedeth Rehoboam.

**A**t that time Abijah the sonne of Ieroboam fell sicke.

2 And Ieroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thy selfe, that thou be not knowen to be the wife of Ieroboam: and get thee to Shiloh: Behold, there

† Heb. broken.



\* Chap. 11.  
31.

† Heb. in  
thine hand.  
|| Or, cakes.  
|| Or, bottle.

† Heb. food  
for hoariness.

† Heb. hard.

\* 1. King.  
15. 29.

\* Chap. 21.  
21. 2. king.  
9. 8.

there is Ahiah the Prophet, which told mee that \* I should be king ouer this people.

3 And take † With thee ten loaves, and || cracknels, and a || cruse of honie, and goe to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the childe.

4 And Jeroboams wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahiah: but Ahiah could not see, for his eyes † were set by reason of his age.

5 And the LORD said vnto Ahiah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam commeth to aske a thing of thee for her sonne, for hee is sicke: thus and thus shalt thou say vnto her: for it shall be when shee commeth in, that shee shall faine her selfe to be another woman.

6 And it was so, when Ahiah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the doore, that hee said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam, why fainest thou thy selfe to be another: for I am sent to thee with † heauie tidings.

7 Goe, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince ouer my people Israel,

8 And rent the kingdome away from the house of David, and gaue it thee: and yet thou hast not beene as my seruant David, who kept my Commandments, and who followed mee with all his heart, to doe that onely which was right in mine eyes,

9 But hast done euill aboue all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to prouoke me to anger, and hast cast me behinde thy backe:

10 Therefore behold, \* I will bring euill vpon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam, \* him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut vp and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.

11 Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the citie, shall the dogs eate: and him that dieth in the field, shall the foules of the aire eate: for the LORD hath spoken it.

12 Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine owne house: and when thy feete enter into the citie, the child shall die.

13 And all Israel shall mourne for

him, and bury him: for he onely of Jeroboam shall come to the graue, because in him there is found some good thing toward the LORD God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam.

14 Moreover, the LORD shall raise him vp a king ouer Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: but what: euen now.

15 For the LORD shall smite Israel, as a reede is shaken in the water, and hee shall root vp Israel out of this good land, which hee gaue to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the River, because they haue made their groues, prouoking the LORD to anger.

16 And hee shall giue Israel vp, because of the sinnes of Jeroboam, who did sinne, & who made Israel to sinne.

17 And Jeroboams wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: and when shee came to the threshold of the doore, the child died.

18 And they buried him, and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD, which hee spake by the hand of his seruant Ahiah the Prophet.

19 And the rest of the actes of Jeroboam, how hee warred, and how hee reigned, behold, they are written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel.

20 And the dayes which Jeroboam reigned, were two and twentie yeeres: and he † slept with his fathers, and Nadab his sonne reigned in his stead.

21 And Rehoboam the sonne of Solomon reigned in Iudah: \* Rehoboam was fourtie and one yeeres olde when he began to reigne, and hee reigned seuentene yeeres in Ierusalem, the citie which the LORD did chuse out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his Name there: and his mothers name was Naamah an Ammonitess.

22 And Iudah did euill in the sight of the LORD, and they prouoked him to iealousie with their sinnes which they had committed, aboue all that their fathers had done.

23 For they also built them high places, and || images, and groues on euery high hill, and vnder euery greene tree.

24 And there were also Sodomites in the land, and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the

† Heb. lay  
downe.

\* 2. Chron.  
12. 13.

|| Or, standing  
images,  
or statues.

\* Chap.  
16.

† Heb.  
16.

\* 2. Chron.  
11. 22.



the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

25 And it came to passe in the fift yeere of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came vp against Ierusalem:

26 And he tooke away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the kings house, hee euen tooke away all: and he tooke away all the shields of gold \* which Solomon had made.

27 And king Rehoboam made in their stead brassen shields, and committed them vnto the hands of the chiefe of the † guard, which kept the doore of the kings house.

28 And it was so, when the king went into the house of the LORD, that the guard bare them, and brought them backe into the guard-chamber.

29 Nowe the rest of the actes of Rehoboam, and all that hee did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah:

30 And there was warre betweene Rehoboam and Ieroboam all their dayes.

31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and his mothers name was Naamah an Ammonitess. And Abijam his sonne reigned in his stead.

## CHAP. XV.

1 Abijams wicked reigne. 7 Asa succeedeth him. 9 Asas good reigne. 16 The warre betweene Baasha and him, causeth him to make a league with Benhadad. 23 Iehoshaphat succeedeth Asa. 25 Nadabs wicked reigne. 27 Baasha conspiring against him executeth Ahiahs prophecy. 31 Nadabs acts and death. 33 Baashas wicked reigne.

**N**OWE in the eighteenth yeere of king \* Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, reigned Abijam ouer Iudah.

2 Three yeeres reigned hee in Ierusalem: and his mothers name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

3 And he walked in all the sinnes of his father, which hee had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father.

4 Neuerthelesse, for Davids sake did the LORD his God giue him a || lampe in Ierusalem, to set vp his sonne after him, and to establishe Ierusalem:

5 Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the daies of his life, \* saue onely in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

6 And there was warre betweene Rehoboam and Ieroboam all the dayes of his life.

7 Now the rest of the actes of Abijam, and all that hee did, are they not written in the \* booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudah: And there was warre betweene Abijam and Ieroboam.

8 And Abijam slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the citie of David: and Asa his sonne reigned in his stead.

9 And \* in the twentieth yeere of Ieroboam king of Israel, reigned Asa ouer Iudah.

10 And forty and one yeeres reigned hee in Ierusalem: and his || mothers name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

11 And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father.

12 And hee tooke away the Sodomites out of the land, and remooued all the idoles that his fathers had made.

13 And also \* Maachah his mother, euen her hee remoued from being Queene, because she had made an idole in a groue, and Asa destroyed her idole, and burnt it by the brooke Kidron.

14 But the high places were not remooued: neuerthelesse, Asa his heart was perfect with the LORD all his dayes.

15 And he brought in the † things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himselfe had dedicated, into the house of the LORD, siluer, and gold, and vessels.

16 And there was war betweene Asa and Baasha King of Israel all their dayes.

17 And Baasha king of Israel went vp against Iudah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to goe out or come in to Asa king of Iudah.

18 Then

|| Or, candle.

\* 2. Sam. 11  
4. and 12. 9.

\* 2. Chron.  
13. 3.

\* 2. Chron.  
14. 1.

|| That is,  
grandmother.

\* 2. Chron.  
15. 16.

† Heb. cut  
off.

† Heb. holy.

\* Chap. 10.  
16.

† Heb. runners.

\* 2. Chro.  
11. 22.



\* 2. Chron.  
16.2.

† Hebr. goe  
up.

† Hebr. free.

\* Matth 7.  
8. called Io-  
saphat.

† Hebr. reig-  
ned.

18 Then Asa tooke all the siluer and the golde that were left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the kings house, and deliuered them into the hand of his seruants: and king Asa sent them to \* Benhadad the sonne of Tabrimon, the sonne of Hezion king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

19 There is a league betweene me and thee, and betweene my father and thy father: behold, I haue sent vnto thee a present of siluer and gold: come and breake the league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may † depart from me.

20 So Benhadad hearkened vnto king Asa, and sent the captaines of the hosts, which he had, against the cities of Israel, and smote Tion, and Dan, and Abel-Bethmaachah, and all Cinne-roth, with all the land of Naphtali.

21 And it came to passe when Baasha heard thereof, that hee left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.

22 Then king Asa made a Proclamation throughout all Iudah, (none was † exempted:) and they tooke away the stores of Ramah, and the timber thereof wherewith Baasha had builded, and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

23 The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which hee built, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudah: Neuerthelesse in the time of his old age, hee was diseased in his feete.

24 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers, in the citie of Dauid his father: and \* Jehoshaphat his sonne reigned in his stead.

25 ¶ And Nadab the sonne of Jeroboam † began to reigne ouer Israel, in the second yeere of Asa king of Iudah, and reigned ouer Israel two yeeres.

26 And hee did euill in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sinne wherewith hee made Israel to sinne.

27 ¶ And Baasha the sonne of Ahiah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him, and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belongeth to the Philistines, (for Nadab and all Israel layd siege to Gibbethon.)

28 Euen in the third yeere of Asa

king of Iudah, did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead.

29 And it came to passe when hee raigned, that he smote all the house Jeroboam, hee left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, vntill hee had destroyed him, according vnto \* the saying of the LORD, which hee spake by his seruaut Ahiah the Shilonite:

30 Because of the sinnes of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which hee made Israel sinne, by his prouocation wherewith he prouoked the LORD God of Israel to anger.

31 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that hee did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel:

32 And there was warre betweene Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their dayes.

33 In the third yeere of Asa King of Iudah, began Baasha the sonne of Ahiah to reigne ouer all Israel in Tirzah, twentie and foure yeeres.

34 And hee did euill in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sinne wherewith he made Israel to sinne.

## CHAP. XVI.

1. 7 Iehus prophesie against Baasha. 5 Elah succeedeth him. 8 Zimri conspiring against Elah, succeedeth him. 11 Zimri executeth Iehus prophesie. 15 Omri made King by the souldiers, forceth Zimri desperately to burne himselfe. 21 The kingdome being diuided, Omri preuaileth against Tibni. 23 Omri buildeth Samaria. 25 His wicked reigne. 27 Ahab succeedeth him. 29 Ahab's most wicked reigne. 34 Ioshuas curse vpon Hiel the builder of Iericho.

**W**hen the word of the LORD came to Jehu the sonne of Hanani, against Baasha, saying,

2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee Prince ouer my people Israel, and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sinne, to prouoke mee to anger with their sinnes:

3 Behold, I will take away the posteritie of Baasha, and the posteritie of his house: and will make thy house like \* the house of Jeroboam the sonne of Nebat.

4 \* Him

\* Chap. 14.  
10.

\* Chap.  
11.

\* Chap.  
16.1.

† Heb. was  
ouer.

† Or, both  
his kinsmen  
and his  
friends.

† Heb. by  
hand of.

\* Chap. 15.  
29.



\* Chap. 14.  
11.

4 \* Him that dieth of Baasha in the citie, shall the dogs eate: and him that dieth of his in the fields, shall the foules of the aire eate.

\* 2. Chron.  
16. 1.

5 Now the rest of the actes of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, are they not written in the \* booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel:

6 So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah, and Elah his sonne reigned in his stead.

7 And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the sonne of Hanani, came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the euill that hee did in the sight of the LORD, in prouoking him to anger with the worke of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because he killed him.

8 ¶ In the twentieth and sixt yeere of Asa king of Iudah, began Elah the sonne of Baasha to reigne ouer Israel in Tirzah, two yeeres.

† Heb. which  
was ouer.

9 And his seruant Zimri (captaine of halfe his charets) conspired against him as he was in Tirzah drinking himselfe drunke in the house of Arza † steward of his house in Tirzah.

10 And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twentieth and seventh yeere of Asa king of Iudah, and reigned in his stead.

† Or, both  
his kinsmen  
and his  
friends.

11 ¶ And it came to passe when hee began to reigne, as soone as hee sate on his throne, that he slew all the house of Baasha: hee left him not one that pisseth against a wall, neither of his kinsfolkes, nor of his friends.

† Heb. by the  
hand of.

12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against Baasha † by Jehu the prophet,

13 For all the sinnes of Baasha and the sinnes of Elah his sonne, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sinne, in prouoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

14 Now the rest of the actes of Elah, and all that he did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel:

15 ¶ In the twentieth and seventh yeere of Asa king of Iudah, did Zimri reigne seven dayes in Tirzah: and the people were encamped against Gibbethon which belonged to the Philistines.

16 And the people that were encam-

ped, heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slaine the king: wherefore all Israel made Omri the captaine of the hoste, king ouer Israel that day, in the campe.

17 And Omri went by from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.

18 And it came to passe when Zimri saw that the citie was taken, that hee went into the palace of the kings house, and burnt the kings house ouer him with fire, and died,

19 For his sinnes which he sinned in doing euill in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sinne which he did, to make Israel sinne.

20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that hee wrought, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel:

21 ¶ Then were the people of Israel diuided into two parts: halfe of the people followed Tibni the sonne of Ginath, to make him king: and halfe followed Omri.

22 But the people that followed Omri preuailed against the people that followed Tibni the sonne of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

23 ¶ In the thirtie and one yeere of Asa king of Iudah, began Omri to reigne ouer Israel twelve yeeres: six yeeres reigned he in Tirzah.

24 And hee bought the hill Samaria of Shemer, for two talents of siluer, and built on the hill, and called the name of the citie which hee built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, † Samaria.

† Heb. Shomer.

25 ¶ But Omri wrought euil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse then all that were before him.

26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sinne wherewith hee made Israel to sinne, to prouoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri, which he did, and his might that he shewed, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel:

28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria, and Ahab his sonne reigned in his stead.

29 ¶ And in the thirtie and eight yeere of Asa king of Iudah, began

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Ahab



Ahab the sonne of Omri to reigne ouer Israel, and Ahab the sonne of Omri reigned ouer Israel in Samaria, twentie and two yeeres.

30 And Ahab the sonne of Omri did euill in the sight of the LORD, aboue all that were before him.

† Heb. was it a light thing? &c.

31 And it came to passe, † as if it had beene a light thing for him to walke in the sinnes of Jeroboam the sonne of Nebat: that hee tooke to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and serued Baal, and worshipped him.

32 And hee reared vp an Altar for Baal, in the house of Baal, which hee had built in Samaria.

33 And Ahab made a groue, and Ahab did more to prouoke the LORD God of Israel to anger, then all the kings of Israel that were before him.

\* Iosh. 6. 26.

34 ¶ In his dayes did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundation therof in Abiram his first borne, and set vp the gates thereof in his youngest sonne Segub, \* according to the word of the LORD, which hee spake by Joshua the sonne of Nun.

## CHAP. XVII.

1 Elijah hauing prophesied against Ahab, is sent to Cherith, where the rauens feed him. 8 He is sent to the widow of Zarephath. 17 Hee raiseth the widowes sonne. 24 The woman beleeueth him.

† Heb. Eli- iahu. Luke 4. 25. he is called Elias. \* Ecclus. 48. 3. iames 5. 17.

¶ And † Eliah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said vnto Ahab, \* As the LORD God of Israel liueth, before whome I stand, there shall not be death nor raine these yeres, but according to my word.

2 And the worde of the LORD came vnto him, saying,

3 Get thee hence, and turne thee Eastward, and hide thy selfe by the brooke Cherith, that is before Iordane.

4 And it shall bee, that thou shalt drinke of the brooke, and I haue commanded the rauens to feed thee there.

5 So hee went, and did according vnto the word of the LORD: for hee went and dwelt by the brooke Cherith, that is before Iordane.

6 And the rauens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the euening: and hee dranke of the brooke.

7 And it came to passe † after a while, that the brooke dried vp, because there had beene no raine in the land.

† Heb. at the end of dayes.

8 ¶ And the word of the LORD came vnto him, saying,

9 Arise, get thee to \* Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I haue commaunded a widow woman there to sustaine thee.

\* Luke 4. 26. called Sarepta.

20 So he arose, and went to Zarephath: and when he came to the gate of the citie, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticke: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessell, that I may drinke.

11 And as shee was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring mee, I pray thee, a morsell of bread in thine hand.

12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liueth, I haue not a cake, but an handfull of meale in a barrell, and a little oyle in a cruse: and behold, I am gathering two sticke, that I may goe in, and dresse it for me and my sonne, that we may eate it, and die.

13 And Eliah said vnto her, Feare not, goe, and doe as thou hast said: but make mee thereof a little cake first, and bring it vnto mee, and after make for thee, and for thy sonne.

14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrell of meale shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oyle faile, vntill the day that the LORD † sendeth raine vpon the earth.

† Heb. gi- ueth.

15 And shee went, and did according to the saying of Eliah: and she, and he, and her house did eate || many dayes.

|| Or, a full yeere.

16 And the barrell of meale wasted not, neither did the cruse of oyle faile, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake † by Eliah.

† Heb. by the hand of.

17 ¶ And it came to passe after these things, that the sonne of the woman, the mistresse of the house, fell sicke, and his sicknesse was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.

18 And shee sayd vnto Eliah, what haue I to doe with thee? O thou man of God! Art thou come vnto me to call my sinne to remembrance, and to slay my sonne?

19 And he said vnto her, Giue me thy sonne. And he tooke him out of her bosome, and caried him vp into a loft, where he abode, and laide him vpon his owne bed.

20 And

† Heb. a

† Heb. a

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20 And hee cried vnto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought euill vpon the Widow, with whom I sojourne, by slaying her sonne?

21 And he <sup>†Hebr. mensured.</sup> stretched himselfe vpon the child three times, and cried vnto the LORD, and said; O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this childe soule come <sup>†Hebr. into his inward parts.</sup> into him againe.

22 And the LORD heard the voice of Eliah, and the soule of the child came into him againe, and he reuiued.

23 And Eliah tooke the childe, and brought him downe out of the chamber into the house, and deliuered him vnto his mother: and Eliah said, See, thy sonne liueth.

24 And the woman said to Eliah, Now by this I know, that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is trueth.

### CHAP. XVIII.

1 In the extremitie of famine Eliah sent to Ahab, meeteth good Obadiah. 9 Obadiah bringeth Ahab to Eliah. 17 Eliah reprouing Ahab, by fire from heauen conuinceth Baals prophets. 41 Eliah by prayer obtaining raine, followeth Ahab to Iezreel.

**A**ND it came to passe after many daies, that the word of the LORD came to Eliah in the third yeere, saying, Goe shewe thy selfe vnto Ahab, and I will send raine vpon the earth.

2 And Eliah went to shew himselfe vnto Ahab, and there was a sore famine in Samaria.

3 And Ahab called <sup>†Hebr. Obadiah.</sup> Obadiah which was <sup>†Hebr. over his house.</sup> the gouernour of his house: (now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly:

4 For it was so, when <sup>†Hebr. Izebel.</sup> Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah tooke an hundred prophets, and hid them by fiftie in a caue, and fed them with bread and water.)

5 And Ahab said vnto Obadiah, Goe into the land, vnto all fountaines of water, and vnto all brookes: peradventure we may finde grasse to saue the horses and mules alieue, that we <sup>†Hebr. that we cut not off our selues from the beasts.</sup> leese not all the beasts.

6 So they diuided the land betweene them to passe throughout it: Ahab went one way by himselfe, and Obadiah went another way by himselfe.

7 And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Eliah met him: and hee knew him, and fell on his face, and said; Art thou that my lord Eliah?

8 And he answered him, I am: goe, tell thy lord, Behold, Eliah is here.

9 And he said, what haue I sinned, that thou wouldest deliuer thy seruant into the hand of Ahab, to slay mee?

10 As the LORD thy God liueth, there is no nation or kingdome, whether my lord hath not sent to seeke thee: and when they said, He is not there, hee tooke an oath of the kingdome and nation, that they found thee not.

11 And now thou sayest, Goe, tell thy lord, Behold, Eliah is here.

12 And it shall come to passe, as soone as I am gone from thee, that the spirit of the LORD shall cary thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot finde thee, he shall slay mee: but I thy seruant feare the LORD from my youth.

13 Was it not told my lord, what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD: how I hid an hundred men of the LORDS prophets, by fiftie in a caue, and fedde them with bread and water?

14 And now thou sayest, Goe, tell thy lord, Behold, Eliah is here: and hee shall slay me.

15 And Eliah said, As the LORD of hostes liueth, before whom I stand, I will surely shew my selfe vnto him to day.

16 So Obadiah went to meete Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meete Eliah.

17 And it came to passe when Ahab saw Eliah, that Ahab saide vnto him, Art thou hee that troubleth Israel?

18 And hee answered, I haue not troubled Israel, but thou and thy fathers house, in that yee haue forsaken the Commandements of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.

19 Now therefore send, and gather to mee all Israel vnto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal foure hundred and fiftie, and the prophets of the groues foure hundred, which eate at Jezebel's table.

20 So Ahab sent vnto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together vnto mount Carmel.



Or,  
thoughts.

21 And Elijah came vnto all the people, and said, How long halt yee betweene two opinions: If the LORD bee God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him: and the people answered him not a word.

22 Then said Elijah vnto the people, I, euen I onely remaine a Prophet of the LORD: but Baals prophets are foure hundred and fiftie men.

23 Let them therefore giue vs two bullocks, and let them chuse one bullocke for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire vnder: and I will dresse the other bullocke, and lay it on wood, and put no fire vnder.

† Hebr. the  
word is good.

24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the Name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered, and said, † It is well spoken.

25 And Elijah said vnto the prophets of Baal, Chuse you one bullocke for your selues, and dresse it first, for yee are many: and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire vnder.

Or, answered.

Or, heard.  
Or, leaped  
up & downe  
at the altar.

26 And they took the bullocke which was giuen them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning, euen vntil noone, saying, O Baal, † heare vs. But there was no voyce, nor any that answered: And they leapt vpon the altar which was made.

† Hebr. with  
a great voice  
Or, he meditated.  
† Hebr. hath  
a pursuit.

27 And it came to passe at noone, that Elijah mocked them, and saide, Crie † aloud: for he is a god, either † he is talking, or he † is pursuing, or hee is in a iourney, or peradventure he sleepeeth, and must be awaked.

† Hebr. poured  
out blood  
vpon them.

28 And they cried loud, and cut themselves after their maner, with kniues, and lancers, till † the blood gushed out vpon them.

† Hebr. ascending.  
† Hebr. attention.

29 And it came to passe when midday was past, and they prophesied vntil the time of the † offering of the euening sacrifice; that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

30 And Elijah said vnto all the people, Come neere vnto me. And all the people came neere vnto him. And he repaired the Altar of the LORD that was broken downe.

31 And Elijah tooke twelue stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sonnes of Jacob, vnto whome the word of the LORD came, saying,

\* Israel shall bee thy name.

\* Gen. 32.  
28. 2. king.  
17. 34.

32 And with the stones hee built an altar in the Name of the LORD, and hee made a trench about the altar, as great as would containe two measures of seed.

33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullocke in pieces, and laide him on the wood, and said, Fill foure barrels with water, and powre it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

34 And hee said, Doe it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Doe it the third time. And they did it the third time.

† Hebr. went.

35 And the water † ran round about the altar, and hee filled the trench also with water.

36 And it came to passe at the time of the offering of the euening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came neere and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, Let it bee knowen this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy seruant, and that I haue done all these things at thy word.

37 Heare me, O LORD, heare me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart backe againe.

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked vp the water that was in the trench.

39 And when all the people sawe it, they fell on their faces: and they saide, The LORD, he is the God, the LORD, he is the God.

Or, apprehend.

40 And Elijah saide vnto them, Take the prophets of Baal, let not one of them escape: And they tooke them, and Elijah brought them downe to the brooke Kishon, and slewe them there.

41 And Elijah said vnto Ahab, Get thee vp, eate and drinke, for there is † a sound of abundance of raine.

Or, a sound  
of a noise of  
raine.

42 So Ahab went vp to eate and to drinke, and Elijah went vp to the top of Carmel, and he cast himselfe downe vpon the earth, and put his face betweene his knees,

43 And said to his seruant, Goe vp now, looke toward the Sea. And hee went vp, and looked, and saide, There is nothing. And he said, Goe againe seuen times.

44 And it came to passe at the seuenth

† Hebr.  
or time.

† Hebr.  
chance  
in leze.

† Hebr.  
his life.

† Hebr.  
Ber.



uenth time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the Sea, like a mans hand. And he said, Goe vp, say vnto Ahab, † Prepare thy charet, and get thee downe, that the raine stop thee not.

† Heb. tie, or binde.

45 And it came to passe in the meane while, that the heauen was blacke with cloudes and winde, and there was a great raine: and Ahab rode and went to Jezreel.

46 And the hand of the LORD was on Eliah; and hee girded vp his loynes, and ranne before Ahab, † to the entrance of Jezreel.

† Heb. till thou come to Jezreel.

## CHAP. XIX.

1 Eliah threatned by Iezabel, fleeth to Beer-sheba, 4 In the wilderness being wearie of his life, is comforted by an Angel. 9 At Horeb God appeareth vnto him, sending him to anoint Hazael, Iehu, and Elisha. 19 Elisha taking leaue of his friends, followeth Elijah.

**A**N D Ahab told Iezabel all that Eliah had done, and withall, how hee had slaine all the Prophets with the sword.

2 Then Iezabel sent a messenger vnto Eliah, saying; So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them, by to morrow about this time.

3 And when he saw that, hee arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Iudah, and left his seruant there.

4 But he himselfe went a dayes iourney into the wilderness, and came and sate downe vnder a Juniper tree: and hee requested † for himselfe that hee might die, and sayd, It is enough, now O LORD, take away my life: for I am not better then my fathers.

† Heb. for his life.

5 And as hee lay and slept vnder a Juniper tree, behold then, an Angel touched him, and sayd vnto him, Arise, and eate.

6 And he looked, and behold, there was a cake baken on the coales, and a cruse of water at his † head: and hee did eate and drinke, and laide him downe againe.

† Heb. bolster.

7 And the Angel of the LORD came againe the second time, and touched him, and sayd, Arise, and eate, because the iourney is too great for thee.

8 And hee arose, and did eate and

drinke, and went in the strength of that meate fourtie dayes and fourtie nights, vnto Horeb the mount of God.

9 And he came thither vnto a caue, and lodged there, and behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said vnto him, What doest thou here, Eliah?

10 And hee sayd, I haue beene very iealous for the LORD God of hostes: for the children of Israel haue forsaken thy Couenant, throwen downe thine Altars, and slaine thy Prophets with the sword: and I, euen I onely am left, and they seeke my life, to take it away.

\* Rom. ii. 3.

11 And he sayd, Goe forth, and stand vpon the mount before the LORD. And beholde, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong winde rent the mountaines, and brake in pieces the rockes, before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the winde: and after the winde an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

12 And after the earthquake, a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire, a still small voice.

13 And it was so, when Eliah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entring in of the caue: and behold, there came a voice vnto him, and sayd, What doest thou here, Eliah?

14 And he sayd, I haue beene very iealous for the LORD God of hostes, because the children of Israel haue forsaken thy Couenant, throwen downe thine Altars, and slaine thy Prophets with the sword, and I, euen I onely am left, and they seeke my life, to take it away.

15 And the LORD sayd vnto him, Goe, returne on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be King ouer Syria.

16 And Iehu the sonne of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to bee king ouer Israel: and \* Elisha the sonne of Shaphat of Abel Meholah, shalt thou anoint to be Prophet in thy rourne.

\* Luk. 4. 27 called Elisha.

17 And \* it shall come to passe, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael, shall Iehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Iehu, shall Elisha slay.

\* 2. King. 9. 1, 3. cc. clus 48. 8.

18 \* Pet || I haue left me seuen thousand in Israel, all the knees which

\* Rom. 11. 4. Or, I will leaue.



haue not bowed vnto Baal, and euery mouth which hath not kissed him.

19 **C** So hee departed thence and found Elisha the sonne of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelue yoke of oxen before him, and hee with the twelfth: and Eliah passed by him, and cast his mantle vpon him.

† Hebr. goe  
returne.

20 And he left the oxen, and ranne after Eliah, and said, Let mee, I pray thee, kisse my father and my mother, and then I wil follow thee: and he said vnto him, † Goe backe againe: for what haue I done to thee?

21 And he returned backe from him, and tooke a yoke of oxen, & slew them, and boyled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gaue vnto the people, and they did eat: then he arose, and went after Eliah, and ministred vnto him.

## CHAP. XX.

1 Benhadad not content with Ahabs homage, besiegeth Samaria. 13 By the direction of a Prophet, the Syrians are slaine. 22 As the Prophet forewarned Ahab, the Syrians trusting in the valleys, come against him in Aphek. 28 By the word of the Prophet, and Gods iudgment, the Syrians are smitten againe. 31 The Syrians submitting themselves, Ahab sendeth Benhadad away with a couenant. 35 The Prophet vnder the parable of a prisoner, making Ahab to iudge himselfe, denounceth Gods iudgment against him.

**A**ND Benhadad the King of Syria gathered all his hoste together, and there were thirtie and two kings with him, and horses, and charets: and hee went by and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.

2 And hee sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel, into the city, and saide vnto him, Thus saith Benhadad,

3 Thy siluer and thy gold is mine, thy wiues also, and thy children, euen the goodliest, are mine.

4 And the king of Israel answered, and said, My lord O king, according to thy saying, I am thine, and all that I haue.

5 And the messengers came againe, and saide, Thus speaketh Benhadad, saying, Although I haue sent vnto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliuer me thy siluer, and thy gold, and thy wiues, and thy children:

6 Yet I will send my seruants vnto thee to morrow about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy seruants: and it shall be, that whatsoever is † pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put it in their hand, and take it away.

† Heb. desir-  
able.

7 Then the king of Israel called all the Elders of the land, and saide; Marke, I pray you, and see how this man seeketh mischief: for hee sent vnto me for my wiues, and for my children, and for my siluer, and for my gold, and † I denied him not.

† Heb. I kept  
not backe  
from him.

8 And all the Elders, and all the people said vnto him; hearken not vnto him, nor consent.

9 Wherefore hee said vnto the messengers of Benhadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou diddest send for to thy seruant at the first, I will doe: but this thing I may not doe. And the messengers departed, and brought him word againe.

10 And Benhadad sent vnto him, and said, The gods doe so vnto me and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that † follow me.

† Heb. are at  
my feet.

11 And the king of Israel answered, and said, Tell him, Let not him that girdeth on his harness, boast himselfe, as he that putteth it off.

12 And it came to passe, when Benhadad heard this † message (as hee was drinking, he and the kings in the || pavilions) that hee said vnto his seruants, || Set your selues in aray. And they set themselves in aray against the citie.

† Heb. word.  
|| Or, Tent.

|| Or, place  
the engines:  
and they  
placed en-  
gines.  
† Heb. appro-  
ched.

13 **C** And behold, there † came a Prophet vnto Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seene all this great multitude: behold, I will deliuer it into thine hand this day, and thou shalt knowe that I am the LORD.

14 And Ahab saide, By whom: and he saide, Thus saith the LORD, Euen by the || young men of the Princes of the prouinces: Then he said, Who shall † order the battell: And hee answered, Thou.

|| Or, ser-  
uants.  
† Heb. Bynd,  
or, tie.

15 Then he numbred the young men of the Princes of the prouinces, and they were two hundred and thirtie two: and after them hee numbred all the people, euen all the children of Israel, being seuen thousand.

16 And they went out at noone: But Benhadad

† Heb. shal  
not fallen

† Heb. so  
were wit  
Israel.  
|| Or, were  
withall



Benhadad was drinking himselfe drunke in the pavilions, hee and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.

17 And the young men of the Princes of the Prouinces went out first, and Benhadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria.

18 And he said, whether they be come out for peace, take them alive: or whether they be come out for warre, take them alive.

19 So these yong men of the princes of the prouinces, came out of the citie, and the armie which followed them:

20 And they slew every one his man: and the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them: and Benhadad the king of Syria escaped on an horse, with the horsemen.

21 And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and charets, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.

22 And the Prophet came to the king of Israel, and said vnto him, Goe, strengthen thy selfe, and marke and see what thou doest: for at the returne of the yeere, the king of Syria will come vp against thee.

23 And the seruants of the King of Syria said vnto him, Their gods are gods of the hilles, therefore they were stronger then wee: but let vs fight against them in the plaine, and surely we shall be stronger then they.

24 And doe this thing, Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captaines in their rounes.

25 And number thee an armie, like the armie<sup>†</sup> that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and charet for charet: and wee will fight against them in the plaine, and surely wee shall be stronger then they. And hee hearkened vnto their voice, and did so.

26 And it came to passe at the returne of the yeere, that Benhadad numbred the Syrians, and went vp to Aphek, to fight against Israel.

27 And the children of Israel were numbred, and || were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them, like two little flockes of kids: but the Syrians filled the countrey.

28 And there came a man of God, and spake vnto the king of Israel, and

sayd, Thus sayth the LORD, Because the Syrians haue sayde, The LORD is God of the hilles, but hee is not God of the valleys: therefore will I deliuer all this great multitude into thine hand, and yee shall know that I am the LORD.

29 And they pitched one ouer against the other seuen daies, and so it was, that in the seuenth day the battell was ioyned: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day.

30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the citie, and there a wall fell vpon twentie and seuen thousand of the men that were left: and Benhadad fled, and came into the citie, || into an inner chamber.

31 And his seruants said vnto him, Behold now, wee haue heard that the kings of the house of Israel are mercifull kings: let vs, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loines, and ropes vpon our heads, and goe out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will saue thy life.

32 So they girded sackcloth on their loynes, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy seruant Benhadad saith, I pray thee, let me liue. And he said, Is he yet alive: he is my brother.

33 Now the men did diligently obserue whether any thing would come from him, and did hastily catch it: and they saide, Thy brother Benhadad. Then he said, Goe ye, bring him: then Benhadad came forth to him: and hee caused him to come vp into the charet.

34 And Benhadad said vnto him, The cities which my father tooke from thy father, I will restore, and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then, said Ahab, I will send thee away with this couenant. So he made a couenant with him, and sent him away.

35 And a certaine man of the sonnes of the Prophets, saide vnto his neighbour in the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him.

36 Then said he vnto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voyce of the LORD, beholde, as soone as thou art departed from me, a lyon shal slay thee. And as soone as hee was departed from him, a lyon found him, and slew him,

37 Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man

Or, from chamber to chamber.  
Heb. into a chamber within a chamber.

† Heb. that was fallen.

† Heb. so the warre with Israel.  
|| Or, were vnto the



† Hebr. smiting and wounding.

man smote him, so that in smiting hee wounded him.

38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himselfe with ashes vpon his face.

39 And as the king passed by, he cried vnto the king: and he saide, Thy seruant went out into the mids of the battell, and behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man vnto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any meanes he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of siluer.

† Heb. weigh

† Heb. hee was not.

40 And as thy seruant was busie here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel saide vnto him, So shall thy iudgement bee, thy selfe hast decided it.

41 And he hasted, and tooke the ashes away from his face, and the king of Israel discerned him that hee was of the Prophets.

\* Chap. 22. 38.

42 And hee saide vnto him, Thus saith the LORD, \* Because thou hast let goe out of thy hand, a man whom I appointed to vtter destruction, therefore thy life shall goe for his life, and thy people for his people.

43 And the king of Israel went to his house, heauie, and displeased, and came to Samaria.

## CHAP. XXI.

1 Ahab being denied Naboths vineyard, is grieved. 5 Iezabel writing letters against Naboth, he is condemned of blasphemie. 15 Ahab taketh possession of the vineyard. 17 Eliiah denounceth iudgements against Ahab and Iezabel. 25 Wicked Ahab repenting, God deferreth the iudgement.

**A**ND it came to passe after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2 And Ahab spake vnto Naboth, saying, Giue me thy vineyard, that I may haue it for a garden of herbes, because it is neere vnto my house, and I will giue thee for it a better vineyard then it: or if it seeme good to thee, I will giue thee the worth of it in money.

† Hebr. be good in thine eyes.

3 And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it mee, that I should giue the inheritance of my fathers vnto thee.

4 And Ahab came into his house, heauie, and displeased, because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had saide, I will not giue thee the inheritance of my fathers: and he laid him downe vpon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eate no bread.

5 But Iezabel his wife came to him, and said vnto him, why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?

6 And he said vnto her, Because I spake vnto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said vnto him, Giue mee thy vineyard for money, or else if it please thee, I will giue thee another vineyard for it: And he answered, I wil not giue thee my vineyard.

7 And Iezabel his wife saide vnto him, Doeſt thou now gouerne the kingdom of Israel: Arise, and eate bread, and let thine heart bee merrie: I will giue thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

8 So she wrote letters in Ahabs name, and sealed them with his seale, and sent the letters vnto the Elders, and to the Nobles that were in his citie dwelling with Naboth.

9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaime a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:

† Heb. in the top of the people.

10 And let two men, sonnes of Belial before him, to beare witnes against him, saying, Thou diddest blaspheme God and the king: and then carie him out, and stone him that he may die.

11 And the men of his citie, euen the Elders and the Nobles who were the inhabitants in his citie, did as Iezabel had sent vnto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent vnto them.

12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.

13 And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sate before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, euen against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they caried him forth out of the citie, and stoned him with stones, that hee died.

14 Then they sent to Iezabel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.

15 And it came to passe when Iezabel heard that Naboth was stoned and was dead, that Iezabel said to Ahab,

\* Chap. 10. 2. k. 9. 8. \* 1. Sat. 25. 22. \* Chap. 10.

\* Chap. 29. \* Chap. 3.

\* King. 36.

Or, d.

Or, inc.



hab, Arise, take possession of the Vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which hee refused to giue thee for money: for Naboth is not alieue, but dead.

16 And it came to passe when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose vp to goe downe to the Vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

17 And the word of the LORD came to Eliah the Tishbite, saying,

18 Arise, goe downe to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, hee is in the Vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone downe to possesse it.

19 And thou shalt speake vnto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession: And thou shalt speake vnto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD; In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, shall dogges like thy blood, euen thine.

20 And Ahab said to Eliah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemye: And he answered, I haue found thee: because thou hast sold thy selfe to worke euill in the sight of the LORD.

21 Behold, \*I will bring euill vpon thee, and will take away thy posteritie, and will cut off from Ahab \*him that pisseth against the wall, and \*him that is shut vp, and left in Israel,

22 And will make thine house like the house of \*Jeroboam the sonne of Nebat, and like the house of \*Baasha the sonne of Ahiah, for the prouocation wherewith thou hast prouoked mee to anger, and made Israel to sinne.

23 And \*of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eate Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the citie, the dogs shall eate: and him that dieth in the field, shall the foules of the aire eat.

25 But there was none like vnto Ahab, which did sell himselfe to worke wickednesse in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred vp.

26 And hee did very abominably in following Idoles, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

27 And it came to passe when Ahab heard those wordes, that hee rent his clothes, and put sackcloth vpon his

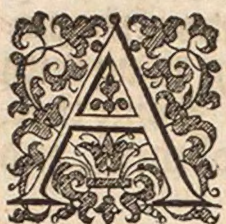
flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

28 And the word of the LORD came to Eliah the Tishbite, saying,

29 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himselfe before mee: because hee humbleth himselfe before mee, I will not bring the euill in his dayes: but in his sonnes dayes will I bring the euill vpon his house.

## CHAP. XXII.

1 Ahab seduced by false prophets, according to the word of Micaiah, is slaine at Ramoth Gilead. 37 The dogges licke vp his blood, and Ahaziah succeedeth him. 41 Iehoshaphats good reigne, 45 his acts. 50 Iehoram succeedeth him. 51 Ahaziah's euil reigne.



And \*they continued three yeeres without warre betweene Syria and Israel. 2 And it came to passe on the third yere, that Iehoshaphat the King of Iudah came downe to the king of Israel.

3 (And the king of Israel said vnto his seruants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and wee be † still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria:)

4 And hee said vnto Iehoshaphat, wilt thou goe with me to battell to Ramoth Gilead: And Iehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, \*I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.

5 And Iehoshaphat said vnto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.

6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together about fourehundred men, and said vnto them, Shall I goe against Ramoth Gilead to battell, or shall I forbear: And they said, Goe vp, for the LORD shall deliuer it into the hand of the king.

7 And Iehoshaphat said, Is there not here a Prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him:

8 And the king of Israel said vnto Iehoshaphat, There is yet one man, (Micaiah the sonne of Imlah) by whom we may enquire of the LORD; but I hate him, for he doth not prophesie good concerning me, but euill. And Iehoshaphat said, Let not the King say so.

9 Then the king of Israel called an

\* 1.Chron. 18.1,&c.

† Hebr. silent from taking it.

\* 2.King. 3.7.

\* Chap. 14. 10. 2. king. 9.8. \* 1. Sam. 25.22. \* Chap. 14. 10.

\* Chap. 15. 29. \* Chap. 16. 3.

1. King. 9. 36. || Or, ditch.

|| Or, incited.



# Micaiah prophecieth I.Kings. Ahabs destruction.

Or, En-  
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an Officer, and said, Hasten hither Micaiah the sonne of Imlah.

† Heb. floore.

10 And the King of Israel and Jehoshaphat the King of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a † voyd place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria, and all the Prophets prophesied before them.

11 And Zedekiah the sonne of Che-naanah made him homes of yron: and he sayd, Thus saith the LORD, with these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou haue consumed them.

12 And all the Prophets prophesied so, saying: Goe by to Ramoth Gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deli-uer it into the kings hand.

13 And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah, spake vnto him, say- ing, Behold now, the words of the pro- phets declare good vnto the King with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, bee like the word of one of them, and speake that which is good.

14 And Micaiah sayde, As the LORD liueth, what the LORD saith vnto me, that will I speake.

15 So he came to the king, and the king sayd vnto him, Micaiah, shall wee goe against Ramoth Gilead to battell, or shall we forbear: And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliuer it into the hand of the king.

16 And the king said vnto him, How many times shall I aduise thee, that thou tell me nothing but that which is true, in the Name of the LORD?

17 And hee sayd, I saw all Israel scattered vpon the hilles, as sheepe that haue not a shepheard. And the LORD said, These haue no master, let them re- turne every man to his house in peace.

18 And the King of Israel said vnto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee, that he would prophesie no good concerning me, but euill?

19 And he said, Heare thou therefore the word of the LORD: I sawe the LORD sitting on his Throne, and all the hoste of heaven standing by him, on his right hand and on his left.

Or, deceine.

20 And the LORD said, who shall perswade Ahab, that hee may goe by and fall at Ramoth Gilead: And one sayd on this manner, and another said on that manner.

21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will perswade him.

22 And the LORD said vnto him, wherewith: And hee sayd, I will goe forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt perswade him, and pre- uail also: Goe forth, and doe so.

23 Now therfore behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken euill concerning thee.

24 But Zedekiah the sonne of Che- naanah went neere, and smote Mi- caiah on the cheeke, and said, \* Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me, to speake vnto thee?

\* 2. Chron.  
18.23.

25 And Micaiah sayde, Beholde, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt goe || into an inner chamber, to hide thy selfe.

|| Or, from  
chamber to  
chamber.  
Heb. cham-  
ber in a  
chamber.

26 And the King of Israel sayde, Take Micaiah, and cary him backe vnto Amon the gouernour of the citie, and to Joash the kings sonne:

27 And say, Thus sayth the King, Put this fellow in the prison, and feede him with bread of affliction, and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.

28 And Micaiah saide, If thou re- turne at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hear- ken, O people, euery one of you.

29 So the King of Israel, and Je- hoshaphat the king of Judah, went by to Ramoth Gilead.

30 And the king of Israel said vnto Jehoshaphat, || I wil disguise my selfe, & enter into the battell, but put thou on thy robes. And the King of Israel dis- guised himselfe, & went into the battell.

|| Or, when  
he was to dis-  
guise him-  
selfe and en-  
ter into the  
battell.

31 But the King of Syria comman- ded his thirtie and two Captaines that had rule ouer his charets, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, saue only with the king of Israel.

32 And it came to passe, when the captaines of the charets saw Jehosha- phat, that they said, Surely it is the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat cryed out.

33 And it came to passe, when the cap- taines of the charets perceiued that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned backe from pursuing him.

34 And a certaine man drew a bow † at a venture, and smote the king of Is- rael betweene the † ioynts of the har- nesse: wherefore hee sayd vnto the dri- uer of his charet, Turne thine hand, and

† Heb. in his  
simplicitie.  
† Heb. ioynts  
and the  
brestplate.



and cary me out of the holte, for I am wounded.

† Heb. made  
sicke.  
† Heb. as-  
cended.

35 And the battell † increased that day: and the king was stayed vp in his charet against the Syrians, and died at euen: and the blood ranne out of the wound, into the † mids of the charet.

† Heb. bo-  
some.

36 And there went a proclamation throughout the holte, about the going downe of the Sunne, saying, Euery man to his citie, and euery man to his owne countrey.

† Heb. came.

37 ¶ So the king died, and † was brought to Samaria, and they buried the king in Samaria.

38 And one washed the charet in the poole of Samaria, and the dogges licked vp his blood, and they washed his armour, according \* vnto the word of the LORD which he spake.

\* Chap. 21.  
19.

39 Now the rest of the actes of Ahab, and all that he did, and the Iuoz house which he made, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel:

40 So Ahab slept with his fathers, and Ahaziah his sonne reigned in his stead.

\* 2. Chron.  
20. 31.

41 ¶ And \* Jehoshaphat the sonne of Asa began to reigne ouer Iudah in the fourth yeere of Ahab King of Israel.

42 Jehoshaphat was thirtie and five yeeres olde when hee began to reigne, and he reigned twentie and five yeeres in Ierusalem: and his mothers name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

43 And he walked in all the wayes of Asa his father, hee turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the LORD: neuerthelesse,

the high places were not taken away: for the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.

44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

45 Now the rest of the actes of Jehoshaphat, and his might that hee shewed, and how he warred, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudah:

46 And the remnant of the Sodomites which remained in the dayes of his father Asa, he tooke out of the land.

47 There was then no king in Edom: a deputie was king.

48 Jehoshaphat || made shippes of Tharshish to goe to Ophir for golde: but they went not, for the shippes were broken at Ezion Geber.

|| Or, had  
ten ships.

49 Then said Ahaziah the sonne of Ahab vnto Jehoshaphat, Let my seruants goe with thy seruants in the ships: But Jehoshaphat would not.

50 ¶ And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the citie of Dauid his father: and Iehoram his sonne reigned in his stead.

51 ¶ Ahaziah the sonne of Ahab began to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria the seuenteenth yeere of Jehoshaphat king of Iudah, and reigned two yerres ouer Israel.

52 And he did euill in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, who made Israel to sinne.

53 For he serued Baal, and worshipped him, and prouoked to anger the LORD God of Israel, according vnto all that his father had done.

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## THE SECOND BOOKE of the Kings, commonly called, The fourth Booke of the Kings.

### CHAP. I.

1 Moab rebelleth. 2 Ahaziah, sending to Baalzebub, hath his iudgement by Eliiah. 5 Eliiah twise bringeth fire from heauen vpon them whom Ahaziah sent to apprehend him. 13 He pitieth the third captaine, and encouraged by an Angel, telleth the King of his death. 17 Iehoram succeedeth Ahaziah.



hen Moab rebelled against Israel, after the death of Ahab.

2 And Ahaziah fel downe thorow a lattesse in his vpper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sicke: and he sent messengers, and said vnto them, Goe, enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron, whether I shal recouer of this disease.

3 But the Angel of the LORD said to Eliiah the Tishbite, Arise, goe vp to meete the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say vnto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye goe to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?

4 Now therefore, thus sayeth the LORD, Thou shalt not come downe from that bed on which thou art gone vp, but shalt surely die. And Eliiah departed.

5 And when the messengers turned backe vnto him, he said vnto them, Why are ye now turned backe?

6 And they said vnto him, There came a man vp to meet vs, and said vnto vs, Goe, turne againe vnto the king that sent you, and say vnto him, Thus saith the LORD, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that thou sendest to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron: therefore thou shalt not come

downe from that bedde on which thou art gone vp, but shalt surely die.

7 And hee said vnto them, <sup>†</sup>What manner of man was he which came vp to meet you, and told you these words?

<sup>†</sup> Heb. what was the manner of the man?

8 And they answered him, He was an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loynes: and he said, It is Eliiah the Tishbite.

9 Then the King sent vnto him a captaine of fiftie, with his fiftie: and he went vp to him, (and behold, he sate on the top of an hill) and hee spake vnto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come downe.

10 And Eliiah answered, and said to the captaine of fiftie, If I be a man of God, then let fire come downe from heauen, and consume thee and thy fiftie. And there came downe fire from heauen, and consumed him and his fiftie.

11 Againe also hee sent vnto him another captaine of fiftie, with his fiftie: And hee answered, and said vnto him, O man of God, Thus hath the king said, Come downe quickly.

12 And Eliiah answered, and saide vnto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come downe from heauen, and consume thee, and thy fiftie. And the fire of God came downe from heauen, and consumed him, and his fiftie.

13 And hee sent againe a captaine of the third fiftie, with his fiftie: and the third captaine of fiftie went vp, and came and <sup>†</sup>fell on his knees before Eliiah, and besought him, and saide vnto him, Oh man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fiftie thy seruants, be precious in thy sight.

<sup>†</sup> Heb. bowed.

14 Behold, there came fire downe from heauen, and burnt vp the two captaines of the former fifties, with their fifties: Therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight.

15 And

\* Chap. 3.  
5.

<sup>†</sup> Heb. the bed, whither thou art gone vp, thou shalt not come downe from it.